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# Killings - 1916 WOMAN STRAYS FROM HOME AND IS FOUND IN A BAD MENTAL STATE

## Negro Sentenced to Serve 20 Years for Killing Two Others in Suburban Part of City

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Funeral services were held this afternoon at the Foster Street Methodist Church at 2 o'clock for W. A. Yarbrough, Jr., aged 20, who died at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. A. Yarbrough, West Troy street, Friday night. Typhoid fever was the cause of his death. He is survived by his parents and four brothers, H. A. Yarbrough, R. E. Yarbrough, F. L. and M. H. Yarbrough. Following funeral services the remains were taken to Newton, the old home, for interment.

Neighbors of Mrs. S. B. Knight, who lives near Ashford, near here were greatly alarmed over her absence and searching parties were organized according to news reaching here. Mrs. Knight was found about sunrise the following morning lying under a tree in the woods. While in a semi-conscious condition, Mrs. Knight is supposed to have wandered from her home.

Paul Bigby, negro, who was the principal figure in a negro brawl in a suburban section several months ago, which resulted in the death of two more negroes, was convicted and sentenced to serve twenty years in the penitentiary by a jury in the Circuit Court Friday.

## Negro's Head Shot Off With Shotgun

A Thanksgiving tragedy occurred at Hardaway, Macon county, Thursday afternoon when one negro blew another's head off with a shotgun. Meagre reports of the killing were brought to Montgomery Friday.

According to a citizen who was spending Thanksgiving in the vicinity of Hardaway, the negro deliberately levelled his shotgun and took true aim at the head of the other negro after cocking the triggers of both barrels and then fired the two volleys. The other negro's head was shot entirely off. The negro, it is said, claims the killing was accidental but he will have to prove it to a Macon county jury or otherwise receive the penalty of the law. He is in the Macon jail at Tuskegee.

A large crowd of negroes congregated at Hardaway saw the shooting.

# TWO, SHOT BY NEGRO, ARE EXPECTED TO DIE

## J. J. Haygood, Jr., and Bennie Pierson, of Culloden, Are Seriously Wounded.

Culloden, Ga., December 23.—(Special.)—Gene Castlen, a negro, this afternoon at 4 o'clock, shot and seriously wounded J. J. Haygood, Jr., a young man, and Bennie Pierson, a small boy, 12 years old. The negro resented Haygood's speaking to a negro about brushing against him, shot at Mr. Haygood. The ball struck the boy, going entirely through his head just behind the eyes. The black then shot Mr. Haygood through the right lung. The boy is dying and Mr. Haygood is in a precarious condition.

After the shooting the negro ran down the street brandishing his pistol and exchanged several shots with Mr. Grady Haygood, brother of the man who was shot. The negro did not appear to have been hit.

A posse is after the negro and it is thought that he will be caught.

# Officers Are Charged With Foul Murder

## Deputy Sheriff and Constable of Florala Kill and Bury Negro Prisoner, Is Charge

(Special to The Advertiser.)

ANDALUSIA, Dec. 2.—Lee Livings, brother of Sheriff John W. Livings of Covington county, and James Bushby, a constable, are in jail here charged with the murder of Jake Robinson, a negro who is alleged by the State to have been taken from the city jail at Florala to a point seven miles in the country where he was murdered and buried. Robinson, it is charged, was taken from the jail on the night of August 9. His body was found two weeks later, but decomposition had set in to such an extent as to make it impossible to determine by what means the killing was accidental but he will have to prove it to a Macon county jury or otherwise receive the penalty of the law. He is in the Macon jail at Tuskegee.

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Grand Jury Acts

Livings and Bushby were arrested

Wednesday following the report of the wild race. The sheriff first intended to catch a train at Villa Rica, but this idea was abandoned when the pursuing car was noticed only a short distance in the rear. He then decided to endeavor to reach Winston, six miles away, before the train. He made the trip in total darkness, the car's lights being turned out. He arrived at Winston just a few moments before the train and took the negro safely aboard.

The entire community at Florala is intensely excited over the charges that have been preferred against the officers and it has been hinted that certain prominent citizens of Florala are making efforts to retain special counsel to co-operate with the solicitor in the prosecution.

### Was Florala Deputy

Florala is situated at the other end of the county from Andalusia and although the sheriff resides in this city Deputy Livings was stationed practically all of his time at Florala. Busby at present is a constable. He came into this county several years ago from Florida, it is stated.

According to the solicitor, the officers had easy access to the city jail having keys which admitted them into the prison.

The report of the grand jury was accompanied by indictments against Livings and Busby.

# WOMAN SHOT BY NEGRO IS EXPECTED TO DIE

## Special Term of Court Will Be Called for Trial of Black.

Buchanan, Ga., August 18.—(Special.) The condition of Mrs. Eli Hallman, shot yesterday afternoon by a young negro whom the sheriff spirited to Atlanta to prevent a lynching, is not improved today and attending physicians say there is no chance for her recovery. A special term of court for the trial of Clarence Vaughn, who confessed the shooting, will soon be called, it is announced by Judge Bartlett and Sheriff Hutcheson, who are here today.

Quick and courageous action by Sheriff G. B. Richards, of Haralson county, alone saved the negro from mob violence, it is believed, for several hundred angry men congregated here after learning of the shooting with only one thought, the lynching of Vaughn.

Details of Sheriff Richards' wild auto race to Atlanta became known here Friday. The negro was captured on the outskirts of Carrollton by members of the sheriff's force. As the officers entered Bremen on the return trip home they ran into a mob which had formed on one of the main streets. The crowd surged toward the car, but Sheriff Richards turned his machine and made for the rear of some store buildings, and when he emerged found himself headed toward Tallapoosa. Arriving there and learning that other mobs had congregated in Buchanan he decided to undertake a dash through Bremen on his way to Atlanta.

Passing through Bremen he was observed by a few persons who took up the chase. He traveled several miles before discovering that he was follow-

ing the report of the wild race. The sheriff first intended to catch a train at Villa Rica, but this idea was abandoned when the pursuing car was noticed only a short distance in the rear. He then decided to endeavor to reach Winston, six miles away, before the train. He made the trip in total darkness, the car's lights being turned out. He arrived at Winston just a few moments before the train and took the negro safely aboard.

Bryan, Tex., Feb. 10.—Tuesday night Jan. 11 while at the Colonial Theatre.

Dr. S. W. Hooks and Will McQueen came together in an altercation in which Dr. Hooks received a fatal wound. The bullet entered the left side, punctured two of the large intestines, glazed a third and is supposed to have lodged near the spinal cord. He required an immediate operation, delaying it until the next day.

After lingering eleven days Dr. Hooks died, Sunday, Jan. 23rd. Both men were arrested. McQueen's bond was \$750.00, charge, assault and attempt to murder; later it was changed to \$1,000 for murder. It is alleged that all feeling had existed between the men for some time. An elite leap year social is to be given Friday night, Feb. 11th at Allen's Chapel A. M. E. church by a band of fifty ladies. The body of William Robertson who died at Hearne, Tex., was received by the People's Undertakers Monday night, funeral attended from M. E. Methodist church by Revs. Jackson and Chiveros. Services in charge of Odd Fellows. Mr. Jack Ward has purchased the barber shop owned by Dr. Hooks. The Express can be found at the Colored People's Drug Store. 11/12/16.

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The killing occurred at Born's house, where Culpepper and friends had gone in connection with a difficulty Born had had with a sawyer at Culpepper's saw mill during the day. The Culpeppers are prominent in this section. It is also learned that Born had tried to destroy the Culpepper saw mill.

After Born was killed it is learned that outraged citizens burned his body. There is no excitement at Dearing.

## Murderer Receives News Of Penalty Without Emotion

Dallas Office  
Austin, Texas, Dec. 14.—The death penalty was given Mr. Harvey Hubert, for the murder of Randolph Clarke, 17 year old white boy, in the criminal district court Friday afternoon, Dec. 8th, twenty-two minutes after the jury had retired to formulate judgment. Prior to the reading of the verdict, Judge Fisher announced that no demonstration would be countenanced from sympathizers of either side.

Mr. Hubert received the news without emotion or worry. After reading the verdict Judge Fisher discharged the jury and five deputies swiftly conducted the defendant through the back entrance of the court room to the county jail. It is very probable that a motion for a new trial will be filed by the attorneys for the defendant, and if denied the case will doubtless be appealed to the Court of Criminal Appeal.

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# PEOPLE AROUSED OVER KILLING OF SHERIFF TAYLOR

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(Special to The Advertiser.)

EUFULA, ALA., Sept. 19.—The killing of Sheriff Taylor near Cuthbert, Ga., Monday night has aroused a great deal of excitement in that city.

The sheriff was about to arrest a negro when the accused man legged him to lower his gun and let him march forward to the jail. As the sheriff complied with the request the negro knocked the gun aside and pulling a pistol from his pocket fired on the sheriff killing him instantly and then fled into the woods. The people of that county are incensed over the killing and it is feared that there will be a lynching if the negro is caught.

# NEGRO AND WHITE MAN KILLED IN DIFFICULTY

## Negro's Body Afterwards Said to Have Been Burned by Outraged Whites.

Augusta, Ga., February 15.—J. R. Culpepper, of C. C. Culpepper & Son, saw mills and planing, at Dearing Ga., 29 miles up the Georgia railroad from Augusta, was shot and killed at 7 o'clock tonight by Mack Born, a negro.

Men or a man with Mr. Culpepper fired upon and killed Born.

The killing occurred at Born's house, where Culpepper and friends had gone in connection with a difficulty Born had had with a sawyer at Culpepper's saw mill during the day. The Culpeppers are prominent in this section.

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# OFFICER LUKE HILL MAY DIE AS RESULT OF NEGRO'S ATTACK

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Detected in Act of Stealing

Coca-Cola, Police Character Turns Against Popular Policeman

Advertiser

An assault that may result in the death of one of the oldest and most



popular officers of the Montgomery police force occurred last night, when a negro, Henry Lawthorn, about twenty years of age, known as a police character about town, assaulted Officer Luke Hill, using a Coca-Cola bottle, in resisting arrest. The negro struck the officer behind the ear probably causing internal injury. Officer Mill was removed to his home. A report about midnight said he was bleeding profusely from his ear, and it was the impression of Doctor Westcott, that his ear drum had been broken.

At about 10:45 o'clock Saturday night, Officer Hill was passing the Fomus Moving Picture Theatre at Monroe and Lawrence streets, when he detected the negro in the act of purloining two bottles of Coca-Cola from a case which was standing on the curb. He told the negro to replace the bottles, but instead of doing so, the negro ran around Lawrence street and when the officer turned the corner after him, he was confronted by the negro who exclaimed: "Now I've got you." He then threw one of the bottles at Hill but missed him and before the officer could draw his revolver, the other bottle was thrown, striking the policeman behind the ear and felling him to the ground. The negro then ran down Lawrence street, but was captured in the middle of the block by Bicycle Officers Johnson and Goocher.

Officer Hill was removed to his home at No. 409 Lawrence street and the negro was taken to the station house, where he was booked with assault with intent to murder.

### Posses Expect Capture Of Negro Who Shot Waycross Policeman

Waycross, Ga., October 15/16. (Special.)—Reports from deputies and citizens out hunting for Clayborn Harris, wanted for shooting Policeman Sam Walker, tonight indicated the negro was thought to be surrounded in the western part of Ware. It was said chances for catching him during the night were regarded as good.

Policeman Walker's condition was not so favorable tonight. The sight of his right eye was destroyed by one of the shots fired by the negro when the officer sought to arrest him Sunday night.

Policeman Thompson, one of the targets for the negro's pistol, escaped unhurt. Feeling continues high here as a result of the shooting of the officer, and the statement was freely made tonight that Harris would not reach the county jail if he was found.

### ALLEGED ROME SLAYER BROUGHT TO ATLANTA

Negro, Held for Killing Policeman, Rushed Here for Safety.

9/18/16

Held for the killing of Virgil A. McDonald, a patrolman of Rome, Ga., who was shot through the head while attempting to make an arrest in Rome Sunday, Edward Dozier, negro, was

brought from Rome to the Fulton tower Sunday night for safe-keeping.

The killing occurred, it is said, when the officer went to West Rome to make an arrest. The revolver, which was the property of the officer, was found in Dozier's home, hidden in a flour barrel. It is believed that the negro jerked the gun from the holster on the officer's hip and fired.

A coroner's jury held an investigation, at which, it is said, Dozier's wife testified, giving incriminating evidence against the negro. His arrest followed and as soon as it became known, a crowd assembled. The removal of the negro was made because of the fear of mob violence.

### IN AN ALTERCATION BETWEEN HUBERT BIRD AND IRA GREEN, MAN MEETS FATE WHEN HE TRIES TO STOP THE TROUBLE.

Lockhart, Tex., Jan. 16. (Special.)—Christina and Bertha Braden, Mrs. Gussie Wil-H. W. Karr officiated. Mr. Marshall son, Mr. Jas. Todd and Mrs. Harriet Hall died last week; funeral from St. Richardson are convalescing. In an altercation between Mr. Hubert Bird and Ira Green Saturday night at Staple, a shooting took place and one Mr. George Goodson was killed. He had attempted to quiet the trouble. His body was shipped to Gonzales for burial. Mrs. Cora Williams entertained Silver Leaf Social Club Thursday. Rev. J. P. Napier is doing a great work here. Mr. W. H. Banks, Deputy in K. T. was here last week. Mr. N. Greenwood, commonly called (Uncle Nick), is seriously ill at this writing. Mrs. Lovie Farmer left Thursday for Ft. Worth to the bedside of a very sick daughter.

### ROME NEGRO KILLS WIFE AND LOVER WITH SINGLE BLOW

Rome, Ga., December 9. (Special.)—With a single blow of a double-edged axe, Joseph August, a negro farmer residing near Rome, early this morning killed his wife Rosa and a negro man, Frank Townsend. Suspecting the pair, August hid and surprised them in the same room. After killing them he literally hacked their bodies into pieces.

He then telephoned the sheriff of his act.

A coroner's jury this afternoon, after investigating the case, recommended that the negro be released on the ground that he was protecting his home, but Judge Wright of Floyd superior court refused to accept the recommendation of the inquest and ordered August held for the January grand jury.

### NEGRO KILLS MINISTER.

MIAMI, FLA., Dec. 12.—James Bolton, 71 years old, a retired minister, was shot and killed near here late today by a negro, a negro, a negro. The negro was shot by a posse after he had been seriously wounded by shots. McKenna's wife had gone to home in Jordanville Dr. Lett was Mrs. Bolton to ask his advice about given an immediate trial before Mayor T. W. Brunson, and was acquitted as the evidence showed that the killing was justifiable.

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## HOUSTON

2/19/16.

### COLORED MAN SHOTS AND KILLS HIS WIFE—THEN TAKES OWN LIFE.

Dallas Express

Express headquarters, 411½ Travis St., Wm. Archibald, Agt.

Houston, Tex., Feb. 16.—Last Thursday evening Isaac Fields shot and killed his wife and then turned the gun and shot and killed himself. A new sign was placed on the city park of Houston this week which reads as follows: "Negroes Keep Out." Mrs. Margaret Jones died Thursday; funeral from Trinity M. E. church; Rev. and Bertha Braden, Mrs. Gussie Wil-H. W. Karr officiated. Mr. Marshall son, Mr. Jas. Todd and Mrs. Harriet Hall died last week; funeral from St. Richardson are convalescing. In an altercation between Mr. Hubert Bird and Ira Green Saturday night at Staple, a shooting took place and one Mr. George Goodson was killed. He had attempted to quiet the trouble. His body was shipped to Gonzales for burial. Mrs. Cora Williams entertained Silver Leaf Social Club Thursday. Rev. J. P. Napier is doing a great work here. Mr. W. H. Banks, Deputy in K. T. was here last week. Mr. N. Greenwood, commonly called (Uncle Nick), is seriously ill at this writing. Mrs. Lovie Farmer left Thursday for Ft. Worth to the bedside of a very sick daughter.

### NEWSOME WAS WOUNDED IN FIGHT WITH NEGRO

Not Known Whether Negro Was Killed or Made His Escape.

2-13-16

Valdosta, Ga., February 12.—(Special.)—The mystery surrounding the shooting of Barney Newsome, Jr., the Clyattville farmer, was cleared up today by statements from friends of the wounded man. According to these statements, Newsome was shot in an attempt by a party of white men to run Will Clark, a negro, off a farm belonging to his mother and which the woman had rented to a Mr. Davis.

Clark showed fight when the party reached the place and opened fire with a shot gun loaded with buckshot. Almost the entire load struck Newsome in the side and stomach, one other member of the party getting a ball in his arm.

Reports vary as to the fate of the negro. Sheriff Gornto, who went to the scene to make an investigation, was told that Clark made his escape. Other reports say that he was killed. Newsome is in a precarious condition tonight, but the doctors say he has a chance to recover.

### KILLS NEGRO AND IS ACQUITTED ON SAME DAY BY THE MAYOR

TALLASSEE, ALA., April 22.—Dr. E. R. Lett, shot and killed Eugene Shape, colored, early this morning. The shooting occurred at Dr. Lett's home. Lett was acquitted as the evidence showed that the killing was justifiable.

## MURDER MYSTERY ROUSES SHERIFF'S OFFICE AT SELMA

### Special Easter Services in All Churches; Dawson Mentioned for Chief in Council Election Monday

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Selma Bureau of The Advertiser  
P. J. Welsh, Corr.

With six or eight applications already filed, and twenty-four hours in which to file more, city councilmen will Monday night decide on a successor to the late Police Chief Edward T. Walters.

The latest possibility is Percy Dawson, one-time chief of the Selma department. Among the applicants are present members of the police force, railway detectives and men in other lines of work.

### Mystery In Murder Case.

Sheriff's deputies are in the dark yet as to the killing of William Henry Slannon on his farm near South Side Saturday. The negro, wealthy and respected by hundreds of white residents of his section, was found by his wife when she went to see why he failed to come to the house for dinner. The body, according to reports reaching Selma, was lying between the rows in the field, riddled with bullets.

### Special Easter Services.

Special music featured the services in all Selma churches Easter morning, and attendances was probably larger than ever before on an Easter Sunday. The Sunday schools again were filled to the limit, and sermons at the regular morning services were especially well prepared. Ideal weather made it possible to stage Selma's old-established "Easter Parade" and the streets were filled throughout the day.

### U. S. Charges Robbery.

John Thomas, a negro, will be tried at the coming term of United States court on the charge of tampering with special delivery letters out of the Demopolis office. Thomas was brought into Selma late Saturday night by Post office Inspector James C. Puckett, arraigned before Commissioner W. K. Campbell, and placed in jail to await court action.

### LOGAN BROTHERS ACQUITTED OF THE MURDER OF NEGROES

MARIANNA, FLA., March 2.—The trial of the three Logan brothers for the alleged murder of two negro preachers on Christmas day last ended today when the jury in the circuit court returned a verdict of not guilty. The three young men have been in jail in this city since their arrest shortly after the killing.

### LOVE ENDS IN TRAGEDY.

### Former Resident of Birmingham Kills Sweetheart Then Takes His Own Life.

The Voice of the People  
Mr Cecil Owens, former resident of this city, who for the past few years has resided at Columbian Ala., killed his sweetheart by stabbing her to death, then ended his own life by drinking carbolic acid. 3/18/16.

The girl, whose name was Lucetta, on January 1 agreed to marry Owens the 3rd of March, but on the first of this month told him that she was sorry, but could never be any more to him than she was at that time, for she was already married to another.

It is said that this is a part of the note he wrote to his mother: "Dear mother, tell all the boys to try not love no one so much that they would rather face death than be without them."

Owens was well known in this city and is survived by many relatives.

This is another one of the few incidents in which a colored man has taken his own life.

### NEGRO WOMAN KILLS MAN; IS ACQUITTED BY CORONER'S JURY

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A verdict of justifiable homicide was rendered by W. S. Stokes, coroner of Montgomery, when Fannie Smith, negro, was tried before him Saturday night on a charge of murder. The trial was at the scene of the murder of Will Sidney, negro, who was shot and killed by Fannie Smith about 11 o'clock Saturday night.

According to the testimony in the case, Sidney came to the home of Fannie Smith, on the 300 block of S. Decatur street, with her sister. He became engaged in a fight with her and although Fannie was sick in bed, she got up when her sister called for help. Sidney struck Fannie with a chair, knocking her down and when he was advancing on her again, she reached into a dresser drawer, secured a pistol and fired one time, the bullet striking Sidney in the right side and coming out of his left side. Death resulted instantly.

S. E. Centerfit, city physician, went to the scene and, after examining Fannie Smith, had her sent to a local infirmary.

### SLAYER OF WM. WALLER JAILED AT MONTGOMERY

Montgomery, Ala., June 1.—Andrew Molton, a negro farmhand, who was arrested this afternoon after posses of citizens and officers had sought him on a charge of cutting to death William Waller, 22 years old, son of Dr. G. B. Waller, was safe tonight in the Montgomery jail with no threats at lynching being made. Waller was cut to death early today on his father's plantation near here. It was said that Molton had demanded advance salary, and when it was refused he cursed the youth. Molton told the officers Waller struck him with a club and that he then attacked the young man with a knife.



# Killings - 1916

## HOMICIDE IN THE SOUTH.

Statistics compiled by The Spectator an insurance magazine, put southern cities in the lead in number of homicidal crimes, considered upon a basis of population.

The Spectator's figures, based upon the decade of 1904 to 1914, show that the annual number of killings in the ten-year period to each 100,000 of population, were for Memphis 63.7, for Charleston 32.7, for Savannah 26.8 and for Atlanta, which comes fourth in the list of thirty cities chosen for comparison, 26. But a fraction below Atlanta are New Orleans, with 25.3, and Nashville, with 24.3. The figures for other cities decrease, with Louisville 16.6, St. Louis 12.9, San Francisco 11.8, Cincinnati 11, Chicago 9.3, Manhattan and the Bronx, N. Y., 6.1, Boston 4.8, Philadelphia 4.2, with Milwaukee showing 2.4, the lowest.

In these thirty cities there were 11,981 homicides in the decade, an annual average of 7.9 per 100,000 of population; while 1914 shows 1,489 such crimes or an average of 8.6, indicating that homicides and crimes of violence are on the increase.

In placing southern cities at the head of the list, The Spectator fails to take into account the south's vast negro population; and it is a well-known fact that where ignorance is greatest crime is most frequent. This is not said for the purpose of making defense against a condition, but simply to show that if the comparison were made along racial lines it would be found, no doubt, that one section of the country, upon a Caucasian basis, is really little, if any, worse than another.

What we are most concerned with is the remedy.

It is undoubtedly true, as The Spectator suggests, that our laws relative to the sale and possession of deadly weapons are entirely inadequate. Many a killing, for an ordinary affront, sometimes more imaginary than real, is due to the fact that "the means of murder are entirely too convenient." There is no excuse or reason for the pistol-carrying habit, and over-cautious legislators have as yet made little impression upon it. We certainly need more stringent and effectively repressive laws on this subject.

But there is another cause to which perhaps even greater weight must be given in considering the increased number of homicides in the United States, and that is the comparative ease with which the average murderer may escape punishment. For this both the laws and the courts are responsible, the former more than the latter, for they admit of useless and unnecessary delay in the trial and punishment of criminals,

and afford room for the employment often of the most absurd technicality through which penalties are lightened to a minimum or frequently escaped altogether, sometimes in cases of known and proven guilt.

The reason why there are eight times as many homicides, in proportion to population, in the United States as there are in England and Wales, is not alone because of strict enforcement of the laws against the carrying of deadly weapons, but because punishment for proven crime is both speedy and certain.

English justice heeds and safeguards the rights of society as well as those of the criminal, in far greater degree than its administration here. This criticism applies not to the south alone, or any other particular section, but to the entire country. Where the proven English murderer is convicted, sentenced and executed in a couple of months or less, the murderer here, with money or influence, either or both, may keep his case in the courts for two years or more, and then get off with a light sentence or escape altogether.

There is no more forceful deterrent of crime than the certainty of swift and sure punishment prescribed by law. Until we remodel our system and apply this effective method of repression, society must continue to suffer from the bully and the assassin in growing and greater degree.

If the people will get squarely behind their representatives they might at least make a start in the direction of substantial improvement in the American homicidal record.

## CRAZED BY COCAINE, NEGRO RUNS AMUCK; FOUR PERSONS SHOT

New Orleans, November 11.—Camellius Williams, a negro, said by the police to have been under the influence of cocaine, tonight broke away from Patrolman James Cripps, who had arrested him, shot the policeman in the left leg and opened fire on a group of white bystanders, wounding a woman and two boys. The negro escaped.

Those wounded besides Patrolman Cripps were Mrs. Robert McAllan, Liberty, Miss.; McKinley Williams and Jules Hirstius, both of New Orleans. The four persons received only flesh wounds, physicians announced.

The shooting occurred a few blocks from the fashionable uptown residence section of the city.

Patrolman Cripps attempted to fire at the negro before the latter could draw his pistol, but the policeman's pistol missed fire.

## TWO OFFICERS SHOT BY A NEGRO WHO IS KILLED IN THE DUEL

### Waugh and Johnson Had Warrant for James Scott Who Had Shot Negro Woman

Ernest Waugh and G. B. Johnson, night mounted police officers, were shot and painfully but not seriously wounded by James Scott, negro, about 6 o'clock Friday night. The officers killed the negro.

The two officers went to the negro's residence, No. 307 Clay street, just as they went on duty Friday night, with a warrant charging him with assault with intent to murder a negro woman. Callie Forsh swore out the warrant when at the police station enroute to the hospital with a bullet from Scott's pistol in her head. The negro woman claimed that Scott shot her without provocation.

**Negro Opens Fire**  
When the officers reached the negro's house he was not there, but they secreted themselves by the side of the house and waited for his return. They saw him coming a short while after they had hidden themselves, and when he was close to them, Officer Waugh said he leveled his pistol at the negro and said "Hold on there, James, we have a warrant for you."

Instead of answering, the negro raised his arm and fired at Waugh. The bullet entering the right sleeve of his coat and inflicted a wound about half an inch deep, just at the elbow, before passing out of the sleeve near the shoulder.

**Both Officers Shot**  
Waugh and Johnson both opened fire on the negro, one bullet striking him in the right breast and passing entirely through his body, coming out just under the right shoulder blade. The other bullet struck the negro in the upper abdomen and remained in his body.

When on the ground the negro fired again, the bullet striking Officer Johnson on the back of the right leg and passed completely through the big muscle.

The negro died a few minutes after being shot, and the coroner who went to the scene, after examining a number of witnesses returned a verdict of "justifiable homicide."

Officer Johnson was taken to his home, but Waugh was not wounded seriously enough to have to stop work.

## Three Brothers Held For Murder of Two Negro Preachers

MARIANNA, FLA., Jan. 3.—The coroner's jury investigating the killing of two negro preachers, John and Walters, brothers, which occurred Thursday ten miles south of this city, The evidence was considered sufficient to implicate not only the two brothers, who were arrested charged with the killing on the night following the shooting, but also an older brother, Roland Logan. After several hours of secret session the jury returned a verdict of murder in the first degree against the three brothers, Wilbur, Burton and Roland Logan, and they were held without bail to await the action of the grand jury at the spring term of the Circuit Court, which meets the first Monday in February. The three young men are white and connected with some of the most prominent families in Jackson County.

### Negro Woman Kills

**Leader of Woman-Mob Bent on Thrashing Her**  
Waycross, Ga., September 10.—(Special.)—Grabbing a pistol from a cabin through which she ran in an effort to escape from a mob of twenty women bent on beating her, Bessie Clark turned on her pursuers today at Hopkins, twenty miles south of Waycross, and killed the leader, Mamie Childs. Two shots were fired and both pierced the Childs woman.

The pursued woman then turned and fled to a mill commissary nearby, where she took refuge. Later she was sent to Waycross and lodged in jail. Reports received here say nearly all women of the settlement, a mill camp, were angry with the Clark woman, a dispute over clothes and alleged relations with certain men of the camp bringing matters to a crisis. The women met and agreed to beat the Clark woman and force her to leave. All involved are negroes.

## Murderer Uses Ax

### Lifeless Body Falls Into Blazing Fire

Henderson, Texas, Dec. 14.—As the result of gambling here, Lorenza Blacklock and Author McKinney participants, Blacklock was killed. The trouble began, it is stated, when a quarrel arose about a twenty-five cent piece. McKinney who is being held struck his victim with an axe killing him almost instantly. The body fell into a near by fire and was burned almost beyond recognition before it could be rescued.

Mr. F. J. Jones of Tyler is in the city with great magic work. Mrs. Ida Henderson was here a few days with friends and relatives.

## TWO NEGROES SENTENCED TO HANG AT BRUNSWICK

Brunswick, Ga., January 26.—(Special.)—Unless the executions are postponed, Brunswick is to have a double hanging on March 10, two negroes having been sentenced to die on that date by Judge Thomas in the superior court yesterday afternoon. The negroes are Ashley Pollard, convicted of the murder of his wife, and Aaron Williams, who, on Christmas night, killed Walter Newman, a negro constable. Pollard was convicted some time ago and his case has already been to the supreme court.



Marshall, Tex., Jan. 25.—Hale Henderson who shot and killed Hilliard Smith was caught in Myrtle and is in jail, here without bond. Mr. George Jones, a leading young man of this city died at his father's residence in South Marshall this week. Miss Ada Dixon died last week. Remains shipped to Scottsville for interment. She was buried with honors of the Pilgrims. Rev. T. C. Rogers reports a good service at his church Sunday at Glade-water Baptist church, ten candidates, collection \$18.00. Read Richard R. Dennis' ad for fine coffins and first class services at funerals, phone 833, day or night. Mrs. Mary A. Johnson and Mrs. A. L. Wilson are convalescing. P. F. Dennis is the administrator of the estate of Mrs. Mag. Skurlock. Mrs. Hattie Thompson at her home on E. Elysianfield, she was buried with S. M. T. honors, Rev. F. H. Davis attending. Mr. Price Wells, an old citizen of Marshall and late of Oklahoma, dropped dead of heart failure while at work.

### MAN SHOT TO DEATH AFTER DANCE.

*The Dallas Express*  
1-22-16  
Woman Stabbed Five Times—Body Shipped Here From Houston.

Marshall, Tex., Jan. 18.—Friday night about 12 o'clock Hale Henderson with cold blood shot to death Hilliard Smith through the neck with a pistol, just as he was leaving a dance at Knights of Tabor Hall. Hale Henderson had just been released from the county roads. Hilliard Smith died of his wounds Monday. Hale has not been captured. Mrs. Harrison Humphreys, a former citizen of this county, was stabbed five times from which wounds she died. Remains shipped from Houston for interment. Mrs. Mary A. Johnson the Most High Priest of the Knights and Daughters of Tabor, is very sick. Rev. G. W. Dudley lectured here this week.

### Dothan Negroes in Fatal Pistol Play

*Advertiser*  
(Special To The Advertiser.)  
DOTHAN, ALA., Jan. 24.—Perry Walker, negro, is dead, Celie Odum, negress, has a load of shot in her left arm near the shoulder and Paul Biggs, negro, has the lower part of his face torn away by shot and is not expected to live, as the outcome of a shooting scrape that occurred northwest of town, just outside the city limits, yesterday afternoon about 3 o'clock. Jealousy has been given as the supposed motive.

### Negro Hit by Hatchet.

*Advertiser*  
Eddie Long, 12-year-old negro of 30 Haynes Street, was hit in the head with a hatchet last night and injured so badly he had to be rushed to Grady hospital, where it is thought he will die. The police were informed that the hatchet was the property of Leo Robinson, 35 years old, negro, of 66 School place, and were looking for him last night. They were told he hit Long.

## Negress Kills Spouse With Axe and Flees

*Advertiser*  
(Special To The Advertiser.)  
CLANTON, ALA., March 23.—Arabella Brown, a negro woman, killed her husband, Bird Brown, with an axe on Thursday night near White Pond and then left. The woman has not been captured as yet.

## OFFICER FATALLY SHOTS NEGRO WHO DREW GUN ON HIM

*Constitution*  
Officer Bill McKinney shot and killed Will Jackson, colored, at an early hour this morning after a fight which took place in front of Officer McKinney's residence, near Hill and Hunter streets.

The officer was sitting on his porch when he saw Jackson coming down the street with a sack over his shoulder. He stopped the negro and asked what he had in the sack. Jackson became angry at the question and the fight followed. The negro drew a pistol and fired at the officer, who then drew his pistol and killed him. Jackson is said to have been a notorious chicken thief. Officer McKinney received some bruises and was taken to the Grady hospital in the ambulance along with the negro. He is not seriously injured.

## NEGROES WHO SHOT AT BOSTON FARMER

*Constitution*  
JAILED IN THOMAS

Thomasville, Ga., January 2.—(Special.)—Two negroes have been arrested and placed in jail here charged with being implicated in an attack made upon Sydney McRae, a farmer of this county, living about four miles south of Boston. McRae claims that on Friday night, while driving home from Boston, he was attacked without warning by four negroes, who shot at him from either side of the road. He says that there were a number of shots fired at him from both pistols and shotguns, several small shot entering his arms and legs and a bullet grazing his hand, but he was not seriously hurt at all. McRae says that when the negroes started firing he stooped down in his buggy and drove as rapidly as possible to his home. Upon reaching there he gave the alarm and a number of people came out from Boston. Sheriff Rheberg of this city, was also notified and, with his deputy, he went to the scene and yesterday brought in the two negroes, who were suspected of being mixed up with the affair. It is not known how much evidence there is against them.

## WEALTHY DALLAS NEGRO IS FOULY MURDERED IN FIELD

*Advertiser*  
(Special To The Advertiser.)  
SELMA, ALA., April 22.—South Dallas county is stirred over the finding of the dead body of Henry Shannon, a wealthy negro, in his field at South Side. Bullet holes in his body are all that the officers have to work on in the case.

## POLICE SEEK "BIG SIX" FOR KILLING NEWSBOY

*Constitution*  
Detectives were busy Monday afternoon and night trying to capture a notorious "Darktown" negro known as "Big Six," who is charged with the murder of a 25-year-old newsboy, under the Whitehall street viaduct near the railroad tracks Monday morning. According to the police report, Chester Knight, a 25-year-old newsboy, under the Whitehall street viaduct near the railroad tracks Monday morning. According to the police report, Chester Knight, a 25-year-old newsboy, under the Whitehall street viaduct near the railroad tracks Monday morning. According to the police report, Chester Knight, a 25-year-old newsboy, under the Whitehall street viaduct near the railroad tracks Monday morning.

## ATLANTA NEGRO KILLS

*Constitution*  
WIFE WITH IRON POT

During a family altercation, which involved, beside himself and wife, several other negro women, yesterday afternoon, Will Mitchell, colored, who lives at Piedmont avenue and the Seaboard Air Line railway tracks, hurled a heavy iron pot at his wife, Mattie Mitchell, which struck her on the head, fractured her skull and killed her almost instantly. Mitchell fled following the murder, and is being searched for by the Fulton county police. The trouble is alleged to have started Sunday morning. After beating his wife, Mitchell is alleged to have left the house. He returned during the afternoon, still in an ugly humor, and the quarrel was resumed, his wife being aided by several negro women neighbors. Words again led to blows, when Mitchell, it is said, picked up the iron pot and threw it with all his might at his wife's head.

## CASTLEBERRY NEGRO DIES AFTER BEING SHOT BY WHITE MAN

*Advertiser*  
(Special to The Advertiser.)  
CASTLEBERRY, ALA., Jan. 12.—W. L. Longmire, a negro, who was shot by W. E. Johnston on last Friday morning the 7th inst., died this morning at 9 o'clock from the effects of the shot. It seems from reports that Mr. Johnston went to the negro's house for the purpose of collecting a small amount the negro owed him, and it is said that the negro came out of the house with his gun and Johnston asked him to stop and he made an attempt to draw his gun when Johnston fired on him. Johnston will claim self defense, which it seems can be established by the proof of shots that are said to have hit the gun which the negro had in his hand.

## SLAYER WHITE RELEASED

Chattanooga, Tenn., Aug. 4.—T. R. White, who stabbed Sam Jones to death in a back on the west side July 17, brought habeas corpus proceedings before Judge McReynolds last Tuesday morning and after a hearing was released on a \$1,000 bond. At a hearing in police court Friday morning, White established an apparently clear case of self-defense, according to the opinion of Judge Fleming, who, under the statutes, was compelled to hold him for the higher courts.

## Negro Is Shot to Death While Walking Railroad Track by Unknown Party

*Constitution*  
Willacoochee, Ga., April 17.—(Special.)—At 7 o'clock last night Griff McClelland, a negro man about 35 years of age in the employ of A. Grover, of this place, was shot and instantly killed while walking on the Atlantic Coast Line railroad track near the city limit. Several bullet wounds were found in his head and face, eight or ten shots having been fired at him. Officers were summoned, but no trace of the guilty party has been found. No weapon was found upon the body of deceased, and witnesses are said to have heard him begging assailants not to shoot him.

The coroner's jury returned a verdict, finding that he met his death by pistol wounds in hands of unknown parties.

## PRATTVILLE NEGRO KILLED; TWO WHITE MEN ARE ARRESTED

*Advertiser*  
(Special to The Advertiser.)  
PRATTVILLE, ALA., Dec. 16.—The dead body of George Edwards, a negro about 21 years of age, was found on a factory street here yesterday afternoon. It was reported he had committed suicide; but the coroner's jury disposed of the matter later in the night by finding foul play. It is not now known on whom the jury laid the crime but two white men have been placed under arrest. It is understood they are charged with having been placed under arrest. It is understood they are charged with having been placed under arrest.

On examination of the negro's body it appears he was shot at least three times.

The negro was well known in this city and bore a rather good reputation for peace and quiet.

## NEGRO SHOT TO DEATH IN ROOM OF EX-WIFE

As it never gets behind in criminal episodes, Darktown now has a murder mystery. There was arraigned in police court yesterday afternoon a portly Darktown cook who gave her name as Maggie Thornton. On last Wednesday night Maggie's ex-husband, Curtis Thornton, was found murdered in her apartments, 202 Edgewood avenue. Through his heart was a pistol bullet hole and by his feet was a hatchet.

Other occupants of the apartments heard a woman scream and then a pistol shot.

Maggie said she was alone in her room, when she looked up and beheld her ex-husband brandishing a hatchet over her head. She screamed. The door was half pushed open. A pistol was fired and her ex-husband fell dead on the floor.

Detectives worked on the case, but they could not discover who did the shooting.

The woman was told to go free. Selma Bureau of The Advertiser, P. Welsh, Corr. Recorder Watkins M. Vaughan Saturday morning held J. D. Edwards, of Marion, Perry county, to the grand jury without bail on the charge of killing Charles Howell, negro porter at the Union depot several days ago. The circuit court room was crowded when the case was called for hearing, but only five witnesses were examined.

## SEEK WILSON AS SLAYER. Alleged He Killed Bud Sanders in Madison County.

*Constitution*  
Athens, Ga., February 11.—(Special.) Three men, William Hardman, John Pope and James Trotter, are in jail at Danielsville, and officers of Madison county are searching the country for Griff Wilson, for whom a warrant has been issued charging him with the murder of Bud Sanders, in Madison county, last Monday night. It is said that the five men were all interested in a wild-cat still and fell out about the operation of the moonshine business. It is declared that the three men now in jail carried Wilson to Sanders' home and that when Sanders appeared, after some words, he was shot through the back of the head by Wilson. Sanders was taken to Commerce and received treatment at the Hardman sanitarium, but died yesterday morning from the effects of the wounds.

## NEGRO SLAYER FLEES IN AUTO, BUT IS CAUGHT

*Constitution*  
Americus, Ga., April 26.—(Special.)—Pressing into service an automobile of Solicitor General J. R. Williams, Wilton Morton, a negro, escaped from this county after shooting and instantly killing Lee Green, another negro, in the heart of the business section of Americus. After a mad ride, Morton was caught in Ellaville, Schley county, and has been brought to Sumter to await trial.

The negro, who fled worked for the solicitor general, and Green for the city of Americus.

## UNKNOWN NEGRO IS IDENTIFIED AS OFFICER'S SLAYER

*Constitution*  
Tifton, Ga., August 4.—(Special.)—Officer J. R. Kimbrough, of the Tifton police, was shot and dangerously wounded by a desperate negro at 8:45 o'clock last night, the bullet entering the officer's mouth, ranging downward and lodging back of the jugular vein.

Officer Kimbrough was patrolling the Atlantic Coast Line railroad yards on the lookout for two escaped convicts from the Worth county chain-gang, when he saw the negro jump from the freight standing in the yards. He caught the negro by the belt and began questioning him, when the negro pulled a pistol from his pocket and began firing. He fired four shots, only one taking effect. Kimbrough fell and the negro ran.

The officer, thinking that the negro would try to get away on the same train, wired the officer between Tifton and Waycross to look out for him. Office Stevens, of Norwood, twenty miles west of Waycross, was on the lookout and when the freight pulled in he saw the negro step off the train with his pistol in his hand. Officer Stevens began firing at him with a shotgun, three of the loads taking effect in his chest, killing him instantly.

Chief of Police Thrasher went to Norwood this morning and identified the negro as the one that shot Officer Kimbrough.

The two convicts that Officer Kimbrough was looking for were later captured by Deputy Sheriff Frank Whiddon about one mile west of Tifton.



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## NEGRO ARRESTED ON CHARGE OF KILLING HIS TWO BROTHERS

(Special To The Advertiser)  
BIRMINGHAM, ALA., June 29.—Deputy Sheriff Miles of Marion county, Georgia, accompanied by Deputy Sheriffs Chris Hartsfield, Charles Martin, and James McDory of this city, this afternoon arrested Ike Hill, negro, wanted in Georgia for double murder, for the killing of two negro brothers last December. A reward of \$250 was offered for the arrest of the negro. It was ascertained that the negro was working on a farm just below the city and the deputies went to the place this afternoon. The negro was found working in a corn field. He offered no resistance.

## Cotton to Face Murder Charge Before Courts

As the result of the death of Ben Fitzpatrick, negro, which occurred Thursday morning at the infirmary, Dave Cotton, also a negro, will face a charge of murder. The former negro was shot by the latter at Smythe and Eugene streets the night before.

Cotton walked into the county jail Wednesday night and gave himself up. He asserted that the shooting of Fitzpatrick was an accident, but the officers think they have other evidence and are pressing the murder charge. The fatal wounding of Fitzpatrick was the third shooting affray that has taken place at Eugene and Smythe streets within the last two weeks. Deputies of the sheriff's force now regard it as the most dangerous corner in the city.

## Decatur Negro Shot and Killed by Wife

DECATUR, ALA., Feb. 8.—Dock Turner, a negro, was shot and killed by his wife, Dora Turner, on a prominent business street in Decatur in the presence of a number of people. The woman fired five shots four of which took effect in the negro's body and the fifth shot cutting the jugular vein, causing instant death. The woman is in the county jail charged with murder.

It is said they quarreled about another negro woman, whom Turner was infatuated with. Early in the night Turner cut his wife on the hand with a knife and it is charged she bought a pistol and went after him, intent on killing.

## NEGRO PICNIC ENDS IN ONE KILLING AND SOME BAD INJURIES

(Special to The Advertiser)  
DECATUR, ALA., Aug. 8.—One negro woman is dead, three negro women badly cut, and three others in jail, as the result of a fight between some negro women near Banner, a few miles across the river from Decatur. The fight took place at a picnic and razors, knives and other weapons were used. What caused the fight no one knows at this time.

# Texas Farmer, Wife and Son Are Killed With Axe At Home

(Associated Press.)  
NEW BOSTON, TEXAS, Dec. 31.—A farmer named Mayfield, living just north of here, his wife and their son, L. L. Mayfield, were killed at their home last night. An axe was used. The crime was not discovered until today. A younger son, W. J. Mayfield, has been arrested on a warrant charging him with murder.

## Three Brothers Shot and Killed By Two Officers

(Associated Press.)  
HERRIN, ILL., Dec. 26.—John, Mike and William Wilkus, brothers, were shot and killed today in a fight with John McDougal, a policeman, and John Kimbro, a deputy, at Freeman's Spur, a mining settlement near here. McDougal deputized Kimbro to help him arrest John Wilkus on a charge of disturbing the peace. The officers assert the brothers attacked them with pokers. McDougal and Kimbro are held pending the verdict of a coroner's jury.

# ALLEGED MURDERER JAILED IN CUTHBERT

(Special to The Advertiser)  
Negro Charged With Slaying Georgetown Lady Will Have Prompt Trial.

Georgetown, Ga., May 8.—(Special.)—Rich Henderson, the negro who was arrested yesterday on a warrant charging him with the murder of Miss Julia Catchins on the front porch of her residence Saturday night, was taken last night by the sheriff under guard to Cuthbert and put in the Randolph county jail. The talk of lynching yesterday afternoon led the sheriff to pursue this course. It is stated that Judge Worrill, who is now going the rounds holding court in Pataula circuit, has promised to call an extra session of Quitman superior court to try the negro.

## Third White Man Is Arrested After the Killing of Negress

(Special to The Advertiser.)  
MERIDIAN, MISS., March 10.—Tom Childress, the third man to be arrested on a charge of murder in connection with the death of Sara Taylor, a negro woman who is said to have died from a beating administered to her by Preston, was brought here this afternoon and placed in the county jail. Roslyn Lynch and S. K. Owens, the two white chauffeurs who were also arrested on a murder charge are still in jail.

# DEPUTY SHERIFF SLAIN BY AN UNKNOWN NEGRO

Florida Officer Was Seeking Arrest of Negro Near the Georgia Line.

Waycross, Ga., April 10.—(Special.)—Raiford Royals, deputy sheriff of Hamilton county, Florida, was shot and instantly killed at Jasper, 68 miles southwest of Waycross, by an unknown negro this afternoon.

One of two negroes the deputy sought to arrest was shot by the deputy before he died, the bullet breaking a leg. The other negro escaped, but a posse is said to have him located six or eight miles out of Jasper tonight. Bloodhounds have been put on the trail. The shooting occurred in what is known as Cox's quarters, near the Georgia Southern and Florida station in Jasper. It was reported from Jasper that feeling is running high. The negro shot by the deputy is not in Jasper, orders having been issued to take him away for safe keeping. The dead deputy was forty years old and is survived by a wife and several children. He was a very popular man. The negroes were strangers in Jasper.

## KILLED OVER FIVE CENTS

Bertha Ross Stabs Billie Ford to Death in Row Over Can of Beer. Billie Ford met his death Saturday night at 2211 Cottonwood street, when he returned from a nearby saloon with a can of beer the Ross woman had ordered. She ordered fifteen cents worth of beer and Ford only bought ten cents worth. She demanded that her nickel be refunded and when he refused to do so, Bertha drove a long bladed knife into Ford's heart.

The wounded man dropped to the floor and died in a few minutes. Bertha Ross ran from the house and another woman opened fire at her with a six-shooter, but none of the bullets took effect.

## ROBERTA BLAYLOCK DIES

John Jones shot and killed Roberta Blaylock Monday night near Hall and Central avenue. A shotgun was used. Jones surrendered to the officers and was locked up. She claimed Blaylock owed him a bill which he had endeavored to collect.

## HUSBAND SLASHES WIFE WITH RAZOR

Federalburg, Md., Aug. 4.—Mrs. Jones is reported dying in the Cambridge hospital from horrible cuts with a razor in her husband on Wednesday. The woman was brought here this afternoon and placed in the county jail. Dr. Webb of Preston arrested Jones. He has been lodged in jail at Denton. He claims that the cutting was accidental.

# HE KILLS NEGRO WHO ATTACKED HIM WITH OLD SABER

Albany, Ga., March 3.—(Special.)—In a thrilling encounter at close quarters between Dock McIntosh, a negro, and J. C. Ingram, overseer for the United Pecan company, six miles from Albany, the negro was instantly killed last night but not until the white man had had the flesh on his left arm laid open to the bone by a blow from an old-fashioned cavalry saber. The negro had invaded a tenant's house on the farm and refused to leave. The overseer went to order him off the premises and was attacked when he entered the room. He was struck several times warding off the saber blows with his arm till he could draw his pistol with which he shot McIntosh through the heart. A coroner's jury justified the killing.

## NEGRO WHO SLEW WIFE SENTENCED TO GALLOWS

Macon, Ga., November 29.—(Special.) Judge H. A. Mathews, in the Bibb superior court today, resented Charles Clawson, a negro, who was convicted several months ago of killing his wife, to die on the gallows on January 4. Clawson's conviction was recently affirmed by the supreme court of Georgia, and a motion by his counsel, Attorney John R. Cooper, for a rehearing was denied. It is announced by Mr. Cooper that he will appeal to the state prison commission to save the negro from death on the ground that he killed his wife through accident, and while he was attempting to kill a man who he alleged was embracing his wife. Sheriff Hicks announces that, unless the governor interposes, Clawson will be executed in private at 2 o'clock on the afternoon of January 4.

# KILLING OF HOULKA TOWN MARSHAL IS NEARING SOLUTION

(Special to The Advertiser.)  
MERIDIAN, MISS., Feb. 28.—Officers are en route here from Europa with Fletcher Williams, one of the negroes charged with killing Town Marshal Easley, at Houlika. Chester or "Beedy" Williams is already in jail here. Both negroes will be held here for safe keeping. Chester Williams, the negro in jail here, was asked with reference to a statement made by his brother that he Chester had killed the marshal. The negro said that he did kill Marshal Easley, shooting him with an automatic pistol. He denied cutting Marshal Easley. Chester Williams says that his brother Fletcher was not at the scene of the killing and is not implicated in it.

## NEGRESS IS KILLED Woman Attacked Officer Who Used Revolver.

Thomaston, Ga., September 14.—(Special.)—Luella Hobbs, negress, was killed in Atwater district last night by Ben Kersey, constable, when she attacked the officer while he was engaged in searching her house for a negro man. The officer fired in self-defense. No arrests were made.

# KILLS WHITE MAN

Madisonville, Ky., April 21.—Ezra Samples was instantly killed here last week and his brother, Elridge, both white, painfully wounded by Claud Wilky, who opened fire upon the boys. There was a quarrel and the white boys tried to kill Wilky but his handy work to his gun saved his life. He thought he was about to go, and before doing so, he said to himself: "If I must die I will take one with me." Threats were made at Hopkinsville, Ky., where Wilky is in jail, but the members of the race of that city said there would be more bloodshed if there be any lynching. "Fair Trial or Bloodshed" is the motto of the race now all over the country.

## NEGRO'S THROAT CUT FROM EAR TO EAR AND HEAD BATTERED IN

(Special to The Advertiser.)  
BIRMINGHAM, ALA., April 22.—The dead body of Harrison Snow, a negro, with the throat cut from ear to ear with a knife and his head battered in with an axe, was found this morning early in the woods near the powder mills, in beat 22, several miles from Birmingham. Deputy Sheriff Hartsfield was dispatched to the scene and going into the Mary Lee mines, a mile and half under ground, arrested John Mills, another negro, in connection with the killing. A bloody knife and axe were recovered. Mills denies any connection with the killing.

## LAGRANGE MAN SHOOT NEGRO IN SELF-DEFENSE

LaGrange, Ga., February 21.—(Special.)—Charlie Williams shot Jack Farrow, a negro, in self defense about 11 o'clock today on Main street. The negro owed the City Tailoring company some money, and Ridley Hammett, a man in the store, tried to collect the money. The negro refused to pay Hammett, saying he would pay the owner. The negro then cursed Hammett and started at him with a knife. Charlie Williams ran in the store and got a pistol, and as the negro was coming toward him he shot him in the foot. The negro kept coming and Williams shot him three times through the chest. Williams was lodged in the Troup county jail. The negro is expected to live.

## NEGRO OF LAURENS SHOT AND KILLED BY WHITE FARMER

Dublin, Ga., April 22.—(Special.)—W. T. Veal, a well known white farmer of this county, shot and killed Emnis Daniel, a negro farmer, and was himself seriously wounded in the face by Daniel. The shooting occurred in the road in front of Spivey's store, six miles from Dublin, about sundown. Spivey, who was an eye-witness, states that both men fired so nearly simultaneously that he could not say which fired first. Daniel, it is said, has had a grudge against Veal for several weeks, and has been openly carrying a gun. Veal received a large portion of a full load of buckshot in his face, sustaining a serious wound.



## White Slayer of Negress Is in Jail

(Special to The Advertiser.)  
MERIDIAN, MISS., July 8.—T. M. Childress, charged with the murder of Sarah Taylor, a negro woman, who Childress is charged with injuring so seriously in a fight that she died later, and who is held to await the action of the grand jury, has been turned over by his bondsmen and replaced in the county jail. The bond of Childress was first fixed at \$10,000 at a preliminary trial, but was later reduced to \$1,000 in habeas corpus proceedings. He was sent to the county road to act as assistant guard, from where he was returned to the county jail.

## SWILLING ARRESTED FOR KILLING NEGRO

Hartwell, Ga., January 23.—(Special.) Wilkey Swilling, a white farmer, who shot two negroes on the street here yesterday, killing one of them, has been arrested by Sheriff Johnson on a charge of murder.

Swilling formerly lived in Greenville, S. C., and was pardoned by former Governor Bleasdale after shooting a white man, it is alleged.

Swilling is held in Hart county jail.

## Two Negroes Who Slay White Farmer To Secure New Trial

(Special to The Advertiser.)  
MERIDIAN, MISS., March 10.—Ed. Yarbrough and John Culberson, condemned to die on April 7 for the killing of Fred Daniels and the serious wounding of George Fulton, near Philadelphia, were much elated Thursday afternoon when they received a letter from relatives, saying that a new trial would be secured for them, with a change of venue from Neshoba county where they were convicted, to Jackson. The two negroes pray and read the bible constantly. Yarbrough is especially prayerful, and sometimes shouts at the top of his voice.

## HANGING IS FIRST LEGAL ONE IN A FLORIDA COUNTY

(Associated Press.)  
TAMPA, FLA., Sept. 1.—Charles H. Haines, a negro, who nearly a year ago killed Marshal Joe Walker of Port Tampa, after terrorizing citizens of that place with threats to kill policemen and others, was hanged here today for the murder of Walker. It was the first legal execution within jail walls and in the presence of only the lawful witnesses ever held in Hillsborough County. Walker was attempting to disarm Haines when killed.

## Negress Shoots With Probably Fatal End

(Special to The Advertiser.)  
MARBURY, ALA., March 14.—A negress named Lucindy Coleman was arrested by Sheriff R. E. Savage for shooting Tom Coleman in a free-for-all occurrence which took place on Mr. R. L. Cox's plantation, four miles south of Prattville. Lucindy was lodged in jail. It is believed that "Tom" will die from the head of shot.

## Try Three Negroes on Murder Charges

Fifty jurymen are soon to be selected by Judge Ginter of the criminal division of the City Court, in addition to about thirty others, as a special venire for duty during the week beginning March 27, when three negroes will be tried for murder.

The negroes are Silas Edwards, charged with killing Lee Edwards with a pistol; Robert Watson, alias "Every-who," charged with killing Joe Scot-Bud James, a wealthy farmer living land with a pistol, and Mose Wiggins, alias "Sport" Wiggins, charged with killing Silas Smith.

## GEORGE CARSON KILLS NEGRO IN GRIFFIN

Griffin, Ga., May 6.—(Special.) George Carson, a prominent farmer, this afternoon shot and killed Jake Traylor, a negro, in a back alley, shooting him three times, one of the balls entering the negro's body just above the heart. Carson, with N. H. Allison, was preparing to leave in a buggy for his home, when the negro, who was drunk, accused him of stealing a suit of clothes and advanced upon Carson with an open knife. Carson drew his revolver and killed the negro at this juncture, and notified officers that he was going home and they could get him. The tragedy is considered justifiable by the police, and no arrests are likely. There were several eyewitnesses to the killing.

## READY TO FACE GALLOWS, SAYS CONDEMNED NEGRO

Bainbridge, Ga., December 26.—(Special.)—The appeal filed in the case of Charlie Williams, colored, charged with murder, has been withdrawn and all hope is removed of his escaping the gallows Friday of this week. Sheriff S. W. Martin has everything in readiness and will perform the execution unless there is some unexpected turn in the meantime. Williams killed another negro down near Fowlstown last summer and was convicted at the November term of court. The doomed man made one attempt to escape from the county jail about a month ago, but, being unsuccessful in the endeavor, has seemingly decided to abide his fate, and now declares he is ready to go.

## CONVICTED OF BURGLARY, NEGRO ADMITS MURDER

Little Rock, Ark., February 25.—Representatives of the Mississippi authorities today asked Governor Hays, of Arkansas, to grant an order for the removal of Frank Anderson, a negro convict, to that state for trial on a charge of murder in connection with the recent killing of A. H. Cage, a banker, at Clarksdale, Miss. Anderson, who last week began serving a sentence of eighteen years in the Arkansas penitentiary for burglary, is said by police officials to have confessed to the killing of the Clarksdale banker, who was shot to death in an encounter with a negro burglar.

Governor Hays stated tonight that he would take no action until he had investigated Anderson's alleged confession, but indicated that if the evidence against the negro is shown to be conclusive he would be surrendered to the Mississippi officers.

## Negro Slayer Escapes

Dan James, a negro of 36 Treholm street, was shot and killed by another negro, Henry Gordon, of 51 Treholm street, at about 10 o'clock. Call Officers and Darby were called to the scene but Gordon escaped.

## Henry Co. Farmer Killed by Negro; Fear Lynching

(Special to The Advertiser.)  
DOTHAN, ALA., Sept. 17.—Sheriff's deputies and possemen are scouring Henry County tonight for a negro who, Saturday night, shot and killed a farmer, near Newe. The negro is said to be named Skipper and to bear an unsavory reputation throughout the county. A lynching is feared if the negro is caught.

Details of the tragedy are meager, but it is reported here that James was killed following a trivial argument with the negro.

## WHITE OFFICERS KILL RACE MAN.

Thall, Texas, June 2.—(Special.)—A white officer, Sheriff H. H. Hargis, was killed by the white officers without any provocation whatever. He was walking along the street laughing and the officer pulled out his gun and cracked down. No attempt has been made to punish the officer.

## NEGRO IS JAILED AFTER WOUNDING FARMER OF BIBB

Macon, Ga., March 15.—(Special.)—James Young, a white farmer residing near Lizella, in Bibb county, is in a critical condition from two gunshot wounds inflicted by Willie Jackson, a negro, who is now in the county jail. The trouble took place this morning when Mr. Young upbraided the negro for striking one of his children. Jackson denied doing so and when it was proposed that they go to the school house to see about it the negro shot Mr. Young twice. After the latter had fallen he shot at the negro twice, but both shots went wild. The shooting caused considerable excitement for a time, and it was feared the negro might meet with violence.

## Florida Negro Shot White Men Is Charge

(Associated Press.)  
ST. AUGUSTINE, FLA., Dec. 26.—Alton T. Jackson, a negro, was under arrest here tonight, charged with having shot from ambush and killed one white man and seriously wounding two others here late last night. The negro told police the white men had beaten him earlier in the night. Robert Lee was the man killed while "Bud" Allen and Levi Taylor were those seriously injured.

## PREACHER IS KILLED BY A FLORIDA NEGRO

Miami, Fla., December 12.—James Bolton, 71 years old, a retired minister, was shot and killed near here late today by Clarence McKenna, a negro. The negro was captured by a posse after he had been seriously wounded by shots. McKenna's wife had gone to Mr. Bolton to ask his advice about trouble between herself and husband, and it was said the negro's resentment at this caused him to kill the retired minister.

## WARNED TO STOP VISITS, DEPUTY SHOT BY NEGRO.

(Special.)  
Albany, Ga., December 27.—George Elliott, who had the top of his head blown off by Lawrence Scroggins Monday night, was one of the leading negroes of this section and easily one of the wealthiest. He was shot in Scroggins' home, after having been warned a number of times to keep away from the slayer's sister.

Elliott was a porter in an Albany general store up to about 25 years ago when he opened a small store of his own in the southern part of town. He was successful from the beginning and began buying and improving property with the profits of his business. He owned at the time of his death several dozen dwellings, besides other real estate.

## NEGRO KILLS PLANTER AND ESCAPES POSSES

Columbus, Ga., September 11.—(Special.)—Information this afternoon from Crawford, Ala., where Jim Culpepper, a well-known planter, was murdered by a negro Friday afternoon is to the effect that the murderer, whose name is not known, has succeeded in escaping from that section, despite the fact that posses with dogs hunted him night and day.

Culpepper had just employed the negro, who was a stranger to him, and was riding with him from Columbus to Crawford in his wagon at the time he was slain.

## NEGRO RESISTS ARREST AND IS SHOT BY POSSE

Waycross, Ga., February 29.—(Special.)—A negro known as Oscar Shine, wanted on charges in Bacon county, was shot and dangerously wounded today south of Waycross while resisting arrest.

Sheriff Googe, of Bacon county, with several deputies, was slightly wounded by a shot fired by the negro. An auto was used to rush the negro to jail, where he received medical attention.

## Negro Man Murdered.

Will Shields, colored, was found at an early hour this morning at Garnett and Prior streets seriously wounded. He had been stabbed in the right arm several times and had a hole in his left lung. Officers Barnett and Robinson found him. He was taken to Grady hospital and died in a short time after his arrival. He lived in the rear of 234 Whitehall street.

## NEGRO SHOT THREE TIMES.

About 12:30 o'clock Wednesday morning John Henry Smith, a negro, was shot three times supposedly by Tom Robinson, another negro, after what is reported to have been an argument over an indebtedness of five cents owed by the Robinson negro. The shooting occurred on a lot near the barrel factory in North Montgomery. One bullet took effect in the right lung, another in the stomach and a third entered under the left ear. The wounded negro was hurried to the hospital for treatment, but little hope is being entertained for his recovery.

## NEGRO KILLED.

Lamar Jones, negro, is dead and the police are looking for Luke Daniels, negro, who is alleged to have stabbed the former at midnight inflicting the fatal wounds. According to the police authorities the affair occurred at No. 24 Clifton street.

## J. M. Field Critically Wounded by Negro He Killed.

Vidalia, Ga., February 2.—(Special.) Reports reached this city today that J. Mullis Field, a deputy sheriff of Lyons, Ga., county, was shot three times by a negro, and killed him. After field killed the negro three times, it is stated, and killed him. Later reports said Field will not live. The cause of the shooting is not given.

## MURDER OF GEORGIAN ADMITTED BY NEGRO

Columbus, Miss., March 10.—(Special.) Charles Bonner, a negro, who was arrested here by the police tonight, is alleged to have confessed that he murdered Ham Brinkley, a white man, near Waverly Hall, Ga. The negro is said to have made a full confession to the police and to have expressed a willingness to be returned to Georgia. The Georgia authorities have been notified of the negro's arrest.

## IS STABBED TO DEATH IN FIGHT OVER QUARTER

Waycross, Ga., August 12.—(Special.) Although he claims he acted in self-defense, a coroner's jury has charged Will Willis with murder after investigating the killing of Elias Johnson at a turpentine still in Charlton county. Willis was caught south of Waycross by Ware officers. It is understood that Johnson was stabbed to death in a fight over a quarter. The prisoner is now confined in the county jail at Folkston.

## SENTENCED TO DIE

Ernest Wallace, who killed Jacob Levin, 2700 Federal street, June 16, was found guilty of murder on Friday of last week by a jury in Judge Barrett's court. The sentence was fixed at death. The shooting followed the arrest of Wallace a month before on a warrant sworn out by Levin, charging the former with having held up the saloon. At the time of the shooting, according to testimony at the trial, Wallace, his face masked, entered the saloon and immediately began firing. The first shot fatally wounding Levin and striking William Monroe, 2625 La Salle street.

## DEAF AND DUMB NEGRO IS STABBED TO DEATH

Arthur Thomas, deaf and dumb negro resident of Pittsburg, in South Atlanta, was stabbed to death at the corner of Piedmont avenue and Harris street shortly after 7 o'clock last night. Call Officer Billard, who answered the call, stated at headquarters that he was said to have been killed by a negro named Arthur Thomas, for whom the police are now searching.

## NEGRO WOMAN SHOT.

As a result of a shooting scrape Saturday afternoon at Judkin's Ferry, a negro woman is at the hospital in a dying condition, and Frank Butler for by officers, who charge him with the shooting. It is claimed the negro used a shotgun, shooting the woman once in the right arm and once in the right breast. No cause is assigned for the shooting.



# Killings - 1916

## COLORED MAN SHOTS AND KILLS HIS WIFE.

*10 Dallas Express 12-2-16*  
Houston, Texas, Nov. 30.—Last Thursday, Sam Johnson a farmer who lives near Houston shot and killed his wife. Johnson is in jail charged with murder. Everlin Scott and Joe Gary had a quarrel last Friday night. Gary decided that Everlin had no business living any longer and producing a pistol shot her through the breast. She is not expected to live. A Houston policeman beat two Colored boys and knocked out the teeth of one trying to make them confess that they stole a bridle. The boy whose teeth were knocked out is Thomas Coleman, 14 years old. The other boy whipped was Marion Bass. Judge Bryant held that there was no evidence against the boys and released them. The grand jury is making an investigation. James R. Thomas Railway Mail Clerk running out of Houston was arrested last week and held under \$1,000.00 bond charged with extracting money from a letter. Mrs. W. T. Washington of Oklahoma City is in Houston to spend the holidays. Mrs. B. M. Geter spent Sunday in Beaumont. Rev. H. McKennah of Galveston was a Houston visitor Saturday. Miss Cora Day made a flying trip to Dayton, Texas, Monday. A number of Prairie View graduates met and organized a permanent local alumni, Herbert Mitchell, president; Jessie C. McDade, vice president; Willie H. Blunt, secretary; Dr. J. W. Howard, assisting secretary; Prof. L. D. Johnson, treasurer; Leola Smith, chorister; O. J. Jones, chaplain and J. D. Brown, reporter. Mr. John Walker died last Monday and was buried Sunday from the Mt. Pleasant Baptist church, under the auspices of the G. U. O. of O. F. Rev. J. J. James officiated. Bring news for the Dallas Express Saturday and Sunday to Mr. Archibald, the agent, 411½ Travis St.

## NEGRO KILLS HIS WIFE AND ELUDES OFFICERS

*Consolidated*  
Macon, Ga., September 26.—(Special.) Forcing his wife to raise herself up to a sitting posture in her bed, to which she had been confined for several days, John Henry West, a negro barber, put three bullets from a .38 caliber pistol into Runette West's body this morning at 11 o'clock, at the woman's home, in the rear of 524 Forsyth street.

The negro left the scene immediately after the shooting, and so far the efforts of the local police and of the sheriff's deputies to run him down have proved unavailing.

According to those familiar with the case, West was cruel to his wife, often beating her. She left him several weeks ago, and had not lived with him since, but had resided with her mother. While the woman's mother was absent from the house this morning, West went there, had words with his wife and then shot her.

She was rushed to the hospital, but died on the operating table.

West was a barber at the Glasco barber shop, on Broadway. He came to Macon from Atlanta.

# NEW ALBANY STIRRED OVER KILLING OF COLORED MAN

## Alleged Shooting of Brown Was Unprovoked. Policeman Held To Grand Jury And Suspended

*Louisville News 11-4-16*  
New Albany, Ind., November 1.—This city was stirred as seldom before by the shooting of Elwood Brown, Colored, by Officer Welsh Sunday evening at Pearl and Oak streets.

It is alleged the shooting was absolutely unwarranted and inexcusable. According to information obtained by your correspondent the policeman shot Brown without any provocation. Officers Welsh and Harmingly were together and there was no altercation nor conversation between Brown and either officer according to information given the writer. After firing three shots Welsh, it is alleged ran. He now claims Brown cut him and exhibits a ripped coat as evidence. Elwood Brown worked at the rolling mills and had a good reputation. He did not drink or carouse but was a steady, hardworking young fellow of 25 or 26 years.

The Colored citizens are very much worked up over the affair and have arranged for a mass meeting Friday night to raise funds to prosecute Welsh.

Welsh has been suspended from the force and held over to the Grand Jury.

Dr. Edward Gaddie, of this city, and Dr. Morris Blackburn, now of Louisville, but formerly of this place, have been very active in investigating the outrage.

They called on Mayor Robert Morris and he assured them the affair would be fully investigated. And he promised no stone would be left unturned to see that justice is done.

They also called on Prosecuting Attorney Herbert Kenney and he promised to go the limit in the prosecution of Welsh if it was proven the shooting was unprovoked. He readily agreed to having any lawyer white or Colored from this city of Louisville associated with him in the prosecution. Judge Dowling, of this city, has agreed to take the case and at this writing Mr. Al. A. Andrews, the young Colored lawyer of Louisville, is being discussed as an associate prosecuting attorney.

The case will be fully gone over at the mass meeting Friday night, at which time Mr. Andrews has been invited to be present and if as alleged the shooting was without cause a vigorous prosecution of Welsh will follow.

There are only two witnesses found up to date who saw the affair, one is Colored and one a white man.

## DEATH PENALTY FOR MURDERING A NEGRO GIRL FIXED

*advertiser*  
MARIANNA, Fla., June 29.—"Boots" Baker, who shot and killed Pearl Tatum, a negro girl, in this city, on the 15th inst., and who made his notorious get-away from a crowd of pursuers and was arrested in Alabama three days later, was yesterday convicted of murder in the first degree without a recommendation to mercy. This means that the death penalty will be imposed.

The killing occurred during the second week of the summer term of Circuit Court of the fourteenth circuit, and shortly following the adjournment of the grand jury. Immediately upon the capture of the negro, Judge Wilson reconvened the grand jury, which indicted the slayer of the girl of murder in the first degree. The trial was set for the 27th inst., and consumed the entire day. Many witnesses were heard and strong argument was made by both sides, the State being represented by State Attorney Rivers H. Burford and the defendant by Attorneys T. Hentz Smith, B. L. Solomon and Moses Guyton, who were appointed by the court for that purpose. The trial attracted great attention among the negroes of the city and county, and the court room was crowded throughout the trial. The jury returned with their verdict at a late hour.

The sentence has not yet been passed, but will be given along with others later in the week.

It is thought that this is one of the most prompt actions of a court, taken in regular order, in the history of the State.

## ALLEGED NEGRO BURGLAR SLAIN BY CALL OFFICER

*Consolidated*  
Willie E. Smith, a negro, aged about 20 years, was shot and killed shortly after midnight at the corner of Highland avenue and Boulevard by Call Officer J. M. McWilliams.

McWilliams was detailed to go to the corner of Highland avenue and Boulevard in response to a telephone call that three negroes were attempting to break into the Rogers grocery store.

When the officer appeared two of the negroes fled, but Smith offered resistance. Realizing his own life was in jeopardy the officer shot, killing the negro instantly.

# NEGRO SHOT AND KILLED BY WHITE MAN AT WETUMPKA

*advertiser*  
(Special To The Advertiser.)  
WETUMPKA, ALA., Feb. 19.—W. A. Austin, a prominent merchant, and member of the firm of Austin and Bloxom, shot and killed upon the main street of the town of Wetumpka this afternoon, Martin Austin, a negro. The cause of the difficulty could not be learned. Martin, who was shot twice, lived only thirty or forty minutes.

Mr. Austin is a brother of J. Max Austin, who was physician-inspector of the convict department under the last State administration, as well as a brother of T. L. Austin, who was fire marshal under Cyrus Brown, also during Governor O'Neal's administration.

The negro fled down East Merritts avenue, and fell at the rear door of an apartment house at 23, where the occupant took him inside. When the officer reached the scene the black was unarmed, except for a pocket knife, it was stated. Mathews was not arrested until after the negro's death last night. He was then brought to Grady hospital by one of the company's officials, and held on a charge of murder without bond.

A number of witnesses were secured by the street car employees from the passengers who were riding on the car. The four witnesses summoned by the street car company's officials were Louis Kahn, an insurance agent, of 1619 Hurt building; Jack M. Farshaw, of 59 Lake avenue; G. H. Johnson, of Marietta, and J. Thomas, of 1203 Healey building.

## YOUNG N. C. FARMER SLAYS ANOTHER IN PRESENCE OF WOMEN

*advertiser*  
(Associated Press.)  
ASHEVILLE, N. C., Dec. 26.—John Hayes, a prominent young farmer, who lived near Tryon, N. C., is dead from a load of buck shot and Frank Foster, who lives in the same section, is held by the authorities as the result of a shooting today in the presence of two young women whose identity was not disclosed. According to reports here Hayes was walking with the two girls when Foster stepped from behind a bush.

"Step aside, please, so I can kill you," Foster is quoted as saying to Hayes. The latter laughed and one of Hayes' companions placed her hand in his and said she would die by his side. Foster then is alleged to have fired. A coroner's jury investigated the shooting and held Foster responsible.

# STAMPEDE CAUSED BY DUEL ON CAR

Passengers Fall Off Street Car in "Great Heaps" When Conductor Fatally Wounds Negro Man.

*Consolidated*  
When Conductor W. Tom Mathews, of No. 10 Hull street, in charge of the 5:20 Peachtree-Brookwood street car, opened fire on a negro with his .38-caliber revolver yesterday afternoon a stampede resulted. Passengers fell off the car in "great heaps," according to Traffic Officer Ellis, who was near the scene of the shooting, which took place on Peachtree street, near the intersection of Merritts.

Will Barnes, age 30, negro janitor at the Davis-Fischer sanitarium, as a result of the encounter with Conductor Mathews, died at the Grady hospital last night at 9:30 o'clock from a bullet wound in his chest.

## Officer Sees Shooting.

Traffic Officer Ellis, who was on duty at the corner of Peachtree and Linden avenue, was notified of the altercation between the street car man and the negro by Police Commissioner Jim Maddox, who passed by the car in his machine. Ellis hurried to the scene and came in sight just in time. As he stated, to see the negro reach for his hip pocket as he got off the car, and to see the conductor open fire. The negro fled down East Merritts avenue, and fell at the rear door of an apartment house at 23, where the occupant took him inside. When the officer reached the scene the black was unarmed, except for a pocket knife, it was stated. Mathews was not arrested until after the negro's death last night. He was then brought to Grady hospital by one of the company's officials, and held on a charge of murder without bond.

## YOUNG WHITE MAN IS ARRESTED ON CHARGE OF MURDER

*Consolidated*  
Moultrie, Ga., March 27.—(Special.) Lewis White, son of G. W. White, a prominent farmer of Mitchell county, has been arrested under a warrant charging him with murder in connection with the death of Albert Williams, a negro.

It is said that Lewis struck the negro over the head Saturday with a piece of iron and that death followed a few hours later. According to the information received here Lewis struck Williams after the latter had made advances toward his father. It appears that Williams some time ago secured a sum of money from G. W. White on the promise to pay it back with labor, and failed to do so. Mr. Lewis made an attempt to collect it Saturday and the negro is said to have talked very insultingly to the white man, whose son then took the matter up, inflicting wounds that resulted in the death of Williams.

The warrant charging murder of Lewis White was sworn out by the white employer of Williams.



# EMERSON WHITE MAN IS SLAIN BY NEGRO

Negro Claims Fred Collins  
Had Insulted His  
Wife.

5-23-16

Cartersville, Ga., May 22.—(Special.)—Fred Collins, a young white man of 28, was killed by Joe Scrutchens, a negro, yesterday afternoon. Collins, with two companions, had walked to Bartow, a mining camp, and returned, passed a half drunken negro woman. After passing her she claimed that Collins had made an insulting remark to her, which he then and there denied. She told her husband, who was with Emerson and also drunk. Scrutchens charged him with insulting his wife and his denial was supported by his companion. Scrutchens reached and seized a piece of ballast and hurled it at Collins, crushing his skull, from which he died almost instantly. Scrutchens was arrested and placed in jail at Cartersville. Collins bore an excellent reputation and has relatives in Atlanta and New Orleans.

## New Orleans Negro Runs Amuck; Kills One, Wounds Four

NEW ORLEANS, LA., Sept. 13.—Armed posses of citizens and squads of policemen and sheriff's deputies late tonight are searching for Seymour Clay, a negro, who shot and killed a prominent local merchant and wounded four other persons, one a police sergeant, following a quarrel with a street car conductor over a transfer. The dead: Fortune Jaubert, aged 50, wholesale dry goods merchant; shot through the heart.

The wounded:  
Sam Milazzo, street car conductor; slashed across the face with a knife.  
Police Sergeant John M. Dunn, shot through left arm.  
Charles McBride, private watchman; shot through the left hand.  
Joe Smith, negro boy; shot through stomach, may die.

According to Milazzo, the conductor, Clay slashed him across the face when a worthless transfer was refused. The negro then jumped from the car while it was in motion and although pursued by several passengers and the motor-man managed to escape to his home several blocks away, from where he soon reappeared with a rifle and opened fire on the crowd.

Mr. Jaubert rounded the street corner in an automobile accompanied by his wife and grand daughter just before the negro started to shoot. It was believed the first bullet fired by Clay struck the merchant. The others were wounded when Clay, from behind a telephone pole, fired several rounds into the crowd.

The negro, although fired at by several policemen and watchmen apparently escaped uninjured, taking his rifle with him.

The shooting occurred in the "up-town" residence section of the city. The police authorities tonight stated they had a good description of the negro and there was little chance for him to remain long at liberty.

## UNKNOWN NEGRO IS IDENTIFIED AS OFFICER'S SLAYER

Constitution

Tifton, Ga., August 3.—(Special.)—Officer J. R. Kimbrough, of the Tifton police, was shot and dangerously wounded by a desperate negro at 8:45 o'clock last night, the bullet entering the officer's mouth, ringing downward and lodging back of the jugular vein.

Officer Kimbrough was patrolling the Atlantic Coast Line railroad yards on the lookout for two escaped convicts from the Worth county chain-gang, when he saw the negro jump from the freight standing in the yards. He caught the negro by the belt and began questioning him, when the negro pulled a pistol from his pocket and began firing. He fired four shots, only one taking effect. Kimbrough fell and the negro ran.

The officer, thinking that the negro would try to get away on the same train, wired the officer between Tifton and Waycross to look out for him. Officer Stevens, of Norwood, twenty miles west of Waycross, was on the lookout and when the freight pulled in he saw the negro step off the train with his pistol in his hand. Officer Stevens began firing at him with a shotgun, three of the loads taking effect in his chest, killing him instantly.

Chief of Police Thrasher went to Norwood this morning and identified the negro as the one that shot Officer Kimbrough. The two convicts that Officer Kimbrough was looking for were later captured by Deputy Sheriff Frank Whiddon about one mile west of Tifton.

## TWO BROTHERS MURDER TWO NEGRO PREACHERS

Constitution

Young White Men Plead Guilty and Are Given Twenty Years in Prison.

7/12/16

Marianna, Fla., April 11.—Wilbur and Burton Logan, two young brothers on trial with the third brother, Roland Logan, today pleaded guilty by agreement, to manslaughter, and the third brother was given a jury verdict of not guilty. The two younger men were sentenced to twenty years' imprisonment, the maximum penalty.

The brothers were charged with murdering two negro preachers and their trial had progressed two days, this being the second trial of the case. The evidence against the white men, all prominent in this section, hinged on the work of a bloodhound, which followed tracks from where the bodies of the negroes were found to the Logan home.

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# TO PROTECT MOTHER, KILLS ANOTHER BOY

Constitution

Willie Griffin Blows Off

Head of Bernard Rice,

Who, He Says, Was At-

tacking Mrs. Griffin.

12-27-11

Columbus, Ga., December 26.—(Special.)—Protecting his mother from intruders of their home, Willie Griffin, 12 years old, the son of Mrs. Hassie Griffin, shot and instantly killed Bernard Rice, a 14-year-old boy, and ran Wynon Hargett away from their house yesterday. Griffin was arrested and placed in the Muscogee county jail on a charge of killing Rice.

Griffin gave up to the officers, awaiting at the house where the tragedy occurred until they came.

Griffin when seen in his cell stated that Hargett and Rice came to the home of his mother and demanded entrance and were refused. They pushed their way in, he says, and started beating his mother. He demanded that they stop, and his sister, Cora, pleaded with them; but they refused to pay any attention to him. He stated that he went into the next room and secured a gun, coming back and making a second demand that they leave his home.

Rice, it is said, stated that he would beat Griffin, and put his hand in his back pocket and made a lunge toward him. At this time Griffin fired, the load from the gun hitting Rice in the left side of the face and blowing practically his whole head off.

## CLANTON WHITE WOMAN SHOT BY A NEGRO INTRUDER

Constitution

Mrs. William Plyer Orders

Robert Johnson Out of

Mullins Home With Seri-

ous Result.

2-10-16

(Special to The Advertiser.)  
CLANTON, Feb. 9.—A negro man, named Robert Johnson, entered the home of Mr. Oliver Mullins, a few miles east of Clanton on Wednesday morning. He first met Mrs. William Plyer, and on being ordered out of the house he opened fire on the lady. Two shots

were fired by the negro, one of which slightly wounded Mrs. Plyer. Sheriff Harris on learning the facts left Clanton with an posse, which were divided on reaching the swamps, one posse in charge of Deputy Gillespie and the other under Sheriff Harris. The officers are scouring the county for the negro. Some men in the Mullins neighborhood are on the chase and should they reach the negro first, then, there will be a lynching it is feared. Deputy Sheriff Gillespie and city Marshal Gover learned that a negro, answering the description of Johnson, stopped last night at Mr. Barney Robert's saw mill, five miles from Clanton, and after resting he left, going in the direction of Cooper. The officers hastened down the highway ad six miles from Clanton caught the negro and, avoiding lynchers, they landed the supposed guilty negro in jail in Clanton. The posses are still following trails for fear the right has not been apprehended.

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## Officer and Resisting Negro Are Near Death Resulting From Wounds

Constitution

Albany, Ga., March 13.—(Special.)—Officer D. J. Mims, a well-known member of the Albany police force, is believed to be in a hopeless condition, and William Mims, a negro, is dying from the effects of wounds received last night when the officer was attempting to arrest the negro, and the latter resisted.

Officer Mims was shot through the lower part of the abdomen, the intestines being perforated in seven places. The negro has a similar wound, besides two others.

Officer Mims and County Officer Denson went last night to a country house to arrest the negro. Denson went to the front door and Mims to the rear. While the negro's wife parleyed with Denson, the man the officers were after made a break through the rear door and a desperate struggle followed. Denson, going to the assistance of his partner, was shot at twice by the negro, who received two bullets from Mims' pistol and one from Denson's. Both the wounded men were placed in an automobile and hurried to town. According to the police authorities Officer Mims was immediately operated on in an attempt to save his life. The case of the negro being pronounced hopeless.

## Charge Made Murder When Negro Gilmer Shot Saturday Dies

Constitution

Lewis Gilmer, negro, was transferred to the county jail Saturday afternoon, when William Caldwell, negro, whom he shot early Saturday morning, died at a local infirmary. Gilmer claims that Caldwell advanced upon him with an open knife, when he was taking a girl home from a dance, and that to save his own life he shot twice, both bullets taking effect in Caldwell's abdomen.

Gilmer phoned the police station that he had shot Caldwell and that he was on the way to the police station to give himself up. When he arrived a short time later, he was charged with suspicion, the charge being changed Saturday, following the death of Caldwell.

## 17 MURDERS IN COUNTY SINCE FIRST OF YEAR

Constitution

Dallas, Texas, April 6.—The killing of W. H. Humphries, an aged grocer, who was clubbed to death today in his store at Lisbon, a suburb of this city, increased the number of murders committed in Dallas county since December 31 to seventeen. Mrs. Bertha Crowe, a daughter of the merchant, was found unconscious and badly beaten near the body of her father. Her condition is critical.

The police tonight declared they were without a definite clue as to the identity of the man who committed the crime, evidently for the purpose of robbery.

# THREE WHITES INDICTED FOR WHIPPING NEGROES

Constitution

No Evidence Discovered in

Case of Burned School-

house.

Dublin, Ga., May 6.—(Special.)—Indictments have been returned against three white men for whipping negroes about two weeks ago. They are Carl Veal, Adrian Kea and J. F. Fordham, Jr.

The whipping took place during a search for the negro who attempted to assassinate W. T. Veal, at his home several miles from Dublin at night. A great crowd gathered following the attempt, which did not harm Mr. Veal, and late in the night, a few men gathered and whipped several negroes. A negro school house was burned also. The grand jury was in session and immediately took up the matter and faithfully endeavored to find the white men guilty of the outrages. They finally succeeded in indicting three for the whipping, but found no evidence upon which to indict any one for burning the school house.

## Jealousy Is Given As Cause of Killing

Constitution

Viola Wilson, negro, was arrested at 3:30 o'clock Saturday morning charged with the murder of her husband, J. C. Wilson. Mounted Officers Waugh and King were riding on South Holt street when they heard a report of a pistol in the back yard of No. 146, that through the two officers immediately dismounted and, going to the rear of the house, they found the negro woman standing beside the prostrate form of her husband, with a still smoking pistol in her hand. Life departed from the body while the officers were standing by his side. Viola was placed under arrest immediately and taken to the police station but later in the day she was turned over to the county authorities to await trial on a charge of murder.

According to the police authorities the woman claims that her husband had been visiting a "dusky" maiden from Mobile, and it was that which lead up to her shooting him.

## 17 MURDERS IN COUNTY SINCE FIRST OF YEAR

Constitution

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Killings—1916

# WILL WALLER CUT TO DEATH BY NEGRO MAN

*Advertised*  
Prominent Young Man

Killed by Farm Hand,  
Who Used Knife Early  
Thursday Morning

SLAYER IS CAPTURED  
AND LOCKED IN JAIL

Neighbors of Unfortunate  
Youth Insist on Law  
Taking Its Course—Admits Cutting

William C. Waller the 22-year-old son of Dr. and Mrs. George P. Waller, living on their country estate about one mile from Mytilene, this county, was stabbed to death with a pocket knife a short time after 6 o'clock Thursday morning by Andrew Molton, a negro about 22 years old who was a wage-hand on the Waller plantation. The murderer was captured by one of the deputy sheriffs and three of the leading citizens in the Mt. Meigs neighborhood about 1:30 o'clock in the afternoon, and an hour later was safely secured in a steel cell in the county jail.

There were a number of neighbors of Dr. Waller who came to the county jail and some told of the trouble that was started by the negro, prior to his fatally stabbing young Waller. It appears that the negro went to the Waller home about 6 o'clock in the morning. There was no one awake but young Waller and the plantation hands. Molton asked to be paid off and was informed by young Waller that the hands would receive their money Saturday, that he was not going to break into the middle of the week paying them.

**Negro Is Incensed.**  
This incensed Molton and he began cursing young Waller and kept up a flow of profane language. It was then that Waller struck him. Immediately and before he could realize

the intention of Molton, the negro sprang upon him with an open knife, the blade being nearly three inches in length. He made one lunge and the blade entered the left shoulder of young Waller.

Again the negro made a thrust with the weapon and this time the blade entered the left side of the body between the fifth and sixth rib and the negro bore down upon the knife, which entered the heart. As young Waller staggered from him, Molton ran from the rear of the yard, where the attack took place, and crossing a pasture, disappeared in a clump of trees.

Young Waller called to some negroes who were standing some distance away to saddle and bridle his horse, stating that he would give chase and catch the fleeing assassin. But he fell to his knees and was assisted into his home, where he died in ten minutes after the cutting.

**Beyond Human Aid.**  
Dr. Waller, father of the murdered young man, had not arisen but was summoned, and a physician of the neighborhood was also called in, but young Waller was beyond aid of any human agency and passed away, with his life blood slowly ebbing from the gaping wound in his heart.

Sheriff Waller was notified at once and with Chief Deputy Bernard Young and Deputies, Tucker, Mizell, Huggins, Wilson and Brassell, entered automobiles. They left for the scene soon after 7 o'clock in the morning. Judge Bolling Young also went to the scene.

Arriving at the Waller home the sheriff and his force found the country side aroused and neighbors flocking from every direction on horseback. Then began a search which resulted in the entire section around being thoroughly scoured. Men on horseback took various directions in which the negro likely might try to escape, and the towns and settlements of that section of the county and also points in Macon county were notified to be on the lookout for the negro, a description being given.

**Deputies With Posses.**  
It was decided to separate the deputies and three or four of the neighbors of the Wallers go with each, as they knew the negro. It was in this manner that Molton was captured about 1:30 in the afternoon by a party headed by Deputy Sheriff Mizell, which was composed of Dean Huggins, Dr. Thomas Merriweather, Bob Armstrong and a negro, Charles Larkin, who works on the Waller plantation and who was aware of the movements that Molton most likely would make. He had made a circuit of the country and was heading for the home of an aunt near Mt. Meigs, and was found about two miles from the old Parks place, sitting on the body of a wagon, under a tree. He told his captors that he was heading for Georgia, where he had an uncle. Molton was brought to the city, there not being the slightest evidence of any violence being offered, the citizens of the locality where the crime was committed expressing their absolute willingness to allow the law to take its course.

**Molton Locked In Jail.**  
At the county jail Molton talked to several residents of the Mytilene section and gave his version of the affair. He was closely questioned by them, and it was ascertained through their conversation that Molton and some other

negroes had planned to attend a picnic at a negro resort, which was scheduled to open Thursday. Negroes on other plantations had been warned by their employers that if they left to go to the affair they would not be permitted to return to work. This had a good effect upon all but Molton, who, it is said, was persistent in his demands for the money.

**High Tempered Negro.**  
Molton in his cell talked out boldly and in a clear voice. He is a black negro, without being shiny black, about five feet, seven inches tall, athletic looking and is said by the planters who know him, to be high tempered, and has had difficulties before. In fact he was considered a bad negro in many respects, they said.

Last November he worked for Thomas Oliver, one of the prominent farmers of the Mt. Meigs section, and is said to have drawn a knife on Mr. Oliver, who struck Molton over the hand with a stout stick, knocking the weapon from his grasp.

Mr. Oliver stated at the time that he did not care to kill the negro for the attempt on his life but ordered him from his place. Later Molton went to work for the Wallers.

Talking in his cell Thursday afternoon the negro claimed that young Waller had struck him over the head with a stick and had brought blood. He made an effort to show the place where he said he was hit, but it could not be seen.

**Negro Admits Cutting.**  
Molton admitted the cutting, saying that he did not know that he had inflicted a fatal wound. He said he slashed at young Waller two or three times. He said he dropped the knife, but could not remember where. He had stopped at the house of a negress, Carrie Terrell, and changed his shirt and also secured a pair of shoes from some one. The woman lived on the Gilchrist place. Crossing the fields, Molton said he headed for the Seaboard Air Line Railroad tracks, then through a woods and by Mt. Meigs, crossed near the Antioch Church and thence to the Park place, where he was overtaken. A stick covered with blood was found at the scene of the killing. The negro claims it was blood from a wound made by young Waller when he struck him, but this is doubted as the stick has too much blood on it. Molton said young Waller had ordered him out of the yard and told him to move from the place, and he would receive his money Saturday.

**Native of Locality.**  
Molton said he was born on the McGrew place, now owned by A. R. Gilchrist, and had been living in that locality all his life. Men who know him say that he is of a roving disposition and at times jumped freight trains and wandered about the country, only to return, and that he was familiar with the movements of the trains in his neighborhood and had intended catching one and make his escape.

Molton consented to have his picture taken and was brought from the steel cell and placed upon a stool. There was a crowd of residents of the Mt. Meigs section outside the cell to get a look at him, and he expressed fear that they

might do him harm. Sheriff Waller assured him that there would not be any such an attempt. He then came forth and a good likeness was taken by Wingo, the photographer, who had placed him on the stool where there were bright rays of sun.

**Community Aroused.**  
The entire neighborhood had turned out and there was not the slightest chance of Molton getting away from that section of the country.

Judge Bolling Young and his son, Chief Deputy Bernard Young, made a record breaking trip from the Waller home to the prison camp No. 4, about thirteen miles distant, to get the dogs. They made the run in twenty minutes. The dogs did not arrive until about 10:30 in the morning, and by that time the hot sun had baked the ground so that it was impossible for them to scent the trail.

While the search was in progress Mose McLemore and Thomas Oliver offered a reward of \$100 for the capture of the negro.

Coroner W. S. Stokes visited the Waller home and after viewing the remains of the dead man rendered a verdict to the effect that he came to his death from a stab wound in the heart from a knife in the hands of the negro, Andrew Molton.

Dr. Waller was prostrated with grief when he descended the stairs of his home and found his son just breathing his last. He has a beautiful home near Mytilene and about 2,300 acres of land, some of which he farms and some he leases.

The residents of Mt. Meigs, instead of determining to wreak vengeance upon the slayer of young Waller, were calm and collected and advised the everything be done to observe the law and following this attitude they rendered valuable assistance to the sheriff and his deputies. It was stated unreservedly by some of them at the county jail Thursday afternoon that there would not be any attempt at violence on their part.

They do have one request to make and that is to give the negro a speedy trial, which will be granted and the old grand jury is to be empaneled.

About 6 o'clock Thursday evening Sheriff Waller communicated with Clerk of the City Courts Henry N. Hughes, to request Judge Gaston Gunter to re-call the last grand jury, which has never been discharged.

**Negro Given Credit**  
Deputy Sheriff Claude Mizell gives practically all of the credit for the capture of Molton to the negro, Charlie Larkin, who lead him over a route mapped out by Mose McLemore, one of the leading farmers of the Mt. Meigs section.

Deputy Mizell and party were about a half hour ahead of Sheriff Waller. Deputy Tucker and party, who were making for the same point as Mizell, but by a different route and would have made the capture had it not been that Mizell and his men happened to have had time in their favor.

Sheriff Waller was advised by one of the searching party that Mizell had the negro in custody, and both parties met and came to the city by Pike Road. Had they returned by the Mt. Meigs route, there is a likelihood there would have been trouble, as it is stated that people residing along that road and vicinity, lined the county thoroughfare and were worked up to a high pitch.

# KILLED BY FATHER OF FIANCEE WHOM HE TRIED TO SLAY

Lovic Stribbling Shot Down  
by J. R. Heaton After  
Youth Had Shot at Miss  
Heaton. *Constitution*

*12-27-16*  
**POSTPONED MARRIAGE  
IS GIVEN AS CAUSE**

Asked Sweetheart to Kiss  
Him Goodby—Two Had  
Danced Together at Molena the Night Before.

Molena, Ga., December 26.—(Special.) Lovic Stribbling, a young planter, at daybreak this morning called at the home of his fiancée, with whom he had been dancing at a Christmas ball a few hours before, and tried to kill the girl by firing at her with a shotgun. His aim was poor and before he could shoot again the girl's father, John R. Heaton, killed him.

Stribbling and Miss Heaton were to have been married this week. It is reported that the girl wanted to postpone the wedding until next fall, and this is believed to have been the indirect cause of Stribbling's attempt to take her life.

**Both Families Prominent.**  
Both the Heaton and the Stribblings are prominent families in this community.

It was about 5 o'clock—not long after they had separated at the dance—when Stribbling reached the home of his sweetheart. He called her out on the veranda and asked her to kiss him goodby for the last time. The girl noticed something strange in his manner and when she saw a shotgun leaning against the steps, ran, shrieking, into the house, sprang into her father's room and locked the door.

Stribbling followed the screaming girl, and, circling through the hall and dining room, appeared at another door to the room in which she had taken refuge. He aimed the shotgun at her and fired, but she had stepped aside and the shot went wild.

**Killed by Heaton.**  
Mr. Heaton, aroused by his daughter's screams, rushed to the door and



ter's cries, then rushed up and fired at Stribbling before the latter could shoot again. The young man fell in the doorway, where he died ten minutes later.

Stribbling secured the shotgun early Sunday morning from his brother, who lives about half a mile from where Stribbling resides with his father. In borrowing the gun, Stribbling said he wanted to kill a hawk with it.

The tragic affair has deeply shocked the entire section, where the families of both principals are held in high regard.

## BUTCHERY OF FAMILY CHARGED TO WHITE MAN

12-30-16  
Negroes Say That Waller  
Slew Reeves and His  
Children.

Minden, La., December 29.—Two negroes held as suspects in connection with the killing of five members of the family of John Nelson Reeves, nine miles north of here, on Christmas eve, have confessed, implicating Henry Waller, a farmer and neighbor of Reeves, and John Long, 20-year-old youth. Long also has made a confession declaring Waller instigated the crime and with an ax killed Reeves, his wife and three children.

Robbery and an old feud between Waller and Reeves were given as the motives. The negroes claim they were forced to aid in the killings.

Waller, Long and the negroes have been spirited away from Minden. It is reported they have been taken to the penitentiary at Baton Rouge.

According to the story of the negroes and Long, Waller, who carried an ax, entered by an unlocked door, and the others followed. Reeves was asleep and they declare Waller split the top of his head with the weapon. He then rushed into an adjoining room where the three children were sleeping and hacked them to pieces. Mrs. Reeves was killed in the same way.

Waller then coolly washed his hands in a bucket of water, according to the confession, and said:  
"We've played H—. I've killed all those people."

In an old chest Reeves kept a sum of money estimated at \$4,000. One of the negro suspects, Chester Tyson, is charged, opened the chest, and Waller took the money, promising to divide it later.

An arrangement was made, it is said, to establish alibis for Waller and Long. Waller went to Serepta and was there the next morning. Long went to a different portion of the parish.

Reeves and Waller are declared to have been enemies. They were principals a short time ago in a shooting affair, but neither man was wounded. Peters and Stewart claim they were forced to accompany Waller, Long and Tyson to the Reeves home the night of the killings. Tyson denies all knowledge of the crime. So far as known Waller has made no statement.

The alleged victims of Waller and others accused with him were John Nelson Reeves, 65; Mrs. Reeves, 30; David Reeves, 9; Woodrow Reeves, age not known, and a 15-months-old infant. Reeves and his wife were killed outright. The three children died in a hospital in Shreveport where they were taken for treatment.

## ANDREW MOULTON ADMITS CUTTING



Negro in County Jail Says He Did Not  
Know He Had Inflicted Fatal Wounds  
on Young William Waller.

## MAN KILLS WOMAN; SHOOTS HIS WIFE; ENDS OWN LIFE

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ONE ZOLIE REAGER SHOOTS MISS  
LULA BOWENS IN ABDOMEN,  
WIFE IN FOREHEAD, THEN AP-  
PLIES BULLETS TO HIS OWN  
BRAIN TO END THE TRAGEDY.

Van Alstyne, Texas, Jan. 4.—Rev. C. G. Smith has returned to his work. The Junior choir was organized at C. M. E. church. Rev. G. W. Taylor was called to take charge of Christian church. Miss Edna Powell is sick. Sunday morning at 4 a. m., there was quite a surprise at the home of Miss Lula Bowens. Mr. Zolie Reager went there at 4 a. m. and with a 38-caliber pistol, shot Miss Lula Bowens in the stomach and his wife, Mrs. Frankie Reager in the forehead, but it did not fracture any bones. He then put the gun to the temple, taking his own life. Miss Bowen and Mr. Reager were buried Sunday evening.

## FIVE PERSONS ARE SHOT BY NEW ORLEANS NEGRO

9-14-16  
Prominent Merchant Killed  
and Four Others Wounded.

Posses After Negro.  
Constitution

New Orleans, September 13.—Armed posses of citizens and squads of policemen and sheriff's deputies late tonight are searching for Seymour Clay, a negro, who shot and killed a prominent local merchant and wounded four other persons, one a police sergeant, following a quarrel with a street car conductor over a transferspace.

The dead: Fortune Jaubert, age 70, wholesale dry goods merchant, shot through the heart.

The wounded: Sam Milazze, street car conductor; slashed across the face with a knife.

Police Sergeant John M. Dunn, shot through left arm.

Charles McBride, private watchman, shot through the left hand.

Joe Smith, negro boy; shot through stomach, may die.

According to Milazze, the conductor Clay slashed him across the face when a worthless transfer was refused. The negro then jumped from the car while it was in motion and, although pursued by several passengers and the motorman, managed to escape to his home several blocks away from whence he soon reappeared with a rifle and opened fire on the crowd.

Mr. Jaubert rounded the street corner in an automobile, accompanied by his wife and granddaughter, just before the negro started to shoot. It was believed the first bullet fired by Clay struck the merchant. The others were wounded when Clay, from behind a telephone pole, fired several rounds into the crowd.

The negro, although fired at by several policemen and watchmen, apparently escaped uninjured, taking his rifle with him.

The shooting occurred in the "uptown" residence section of the city. The police authorities tonight stated they had a good description of the negro and there was little chance for him to remain long at liberty.

## CONDUCTOR WHO SLEW NEGRO ON CAR FREED

Shortest Murder Trial in History of Georgia Held in Recorder's Court.

Constitution  
"Case dismissed: let him go." ordered Recorder George Johnson in police matinee yesterday, when Mathews, street car conductor, upon his narrative of the killing of Will Barnes, a negro passenger, last Thursday evening. And with the

abrupt order of the judge perhaps the shortest "murder trial" in the police annals of Georgia became history. The "case" consumed just nine minutes and a few-odd seconds of the court's time. Only two witnesses were examined—Traffic Policeman Ellis and the defendant—although the defense had half a dozen or more in readiness. Ellis knew little about the incidents leading up to the homicide, and what occurred afterwards was not important. He was through in less than a minute, then Mathews was called.

He said the negro, under the influence of whisky, boarded his car, outbound, at Five Points, and seated himself in the forward part of the car. Barnes, said Mathews, soon dropped his head on the back of a seat occupied by a white woman and little girl and went to sleep. A passenger complained, and the conductor roused the negro, and ordered him to move to the rear. Barnes took another seat, still in the white section, and again was ordered to move.

This time Barnes, said Mathews, stood in the conductor's space, and demanded his fare.

The argument proceeded for about a block, when Mathews stopped the car and ordered the negro off. Just as the negro was preparing to leave the car, said Mathews, he called the conductor a vile name, reached quickly for his hip pocket, saying, with an oath, "Here's where I'll fix—"

The sentence was never completed, because Mathews quickly drew his own revolver and shot the negro three times.

The wounded man was found later where he had fallen in the rear of an apartment house at 23 East Merritts avenue, and died later in the night at the Grady hospital.

## MARIANNA PEOPLE ROUSED AT KILLING OF NEGRO BROTHERS

advertiser  
Two Young White Men  
Arrested and Held Pending  
Verdict of Coroner's  
Jury Today

(Special to The Advertiser.)

MARIANNA, FLA., Dec. 31.—The sheriff's office is still engaged in the further investigation of the killing of two negroes about ten miles south of the city. Chief Deputy H. T. Belser, accompanied by E. M. Toole, with his two blood hounds, immediately went to the scene of the killing and upon their arrival found the dead bodies of two negroes lying face downward on either side of the road. Each had been shot five times, once in front and four times in the back, the bullets penetrating the bodies and lodging in the ground under them, indicating that the shots were fired after they had fallen. The bullets found in and under the body of one were from a thirty-two calibre pistol and those in the other from a thirty-eight calibre. No indications of a struggle were found and no cause for the double killing could be ascertained. From

inquiry it was learned that the dead men were brothers named John and Joe Walters, both preachers, who lived at Vernon, Fla., and who were on a visit to their sister who lives in the neighborhood of the scene of the killing.

## Bloodhounds Take Up Trail.

The blood hounds readily took up the trail and followed it across the woods and through a dense swamp to a farm house a mile or so from the place where the bodies were found. There it was learned that two young men, Messrs. William and Burton Logan, who reside with their father in that vicinity, had come to the house an hour or so after the killing and had there obtained permission to ride on some wagons passing on the way to a sawmill five miles south, and to return with the wagons later in the day. Night having arrived, the officers waited for the return of the teams, and as they came up, placed each of the two young men under arrest. On each was found a pistol, one a thirty-two and the other a thirty-eight calibre, and the clothes of the boys were said to have been muddy. They were brought to this city last night and placed in jail to await the action of the coroner's jury.

## Coroner's Jury Probing Case.

County Judge J. Bowers Campbell and State Attorney Rivers H. Buford also visited the scene late yesterday and made up a coroner's jury, which after viewing the remains adjourned to meet at the court house in this city today. This morning they took up the case but after hearing many witnesses who testified to hearing the shots fired and some to having also seen the parties to the shooting the jury adjourned to meet again on Saturday. In the meantime the two Logans are held without bail confined in the jail in this city.

The prominence of the family of the young men charged with the double homicide and the apparent cold bloodiness of the deed lends much interest to the unfortunate affair and although there is no demonstration the entire city and county is deeply stirred.

## Jealous Man Kills Woman

Chicago Defender News Service  
8/10/16

Baton Rouge, La., Aug. 4.—A two-hour quarrel between Mac Johnson and Lillian Burris, who were living together as man and wife, ended in the woman's death Tuesday night, July 25, at their home in Richmond Park, just outside the city limits, on the Greenwell Springs road. Johnson shot the woman in the back as she was running away, and she died almost instantly. Sheriff Day was notified of the shooting and arrested Johnson and put him in the parish jail. Johnson made no effort to escape, sitting down calmly awaiting the arrival of the sheriff.

Dr. T. J. McHugh, deputy coroner, held an autopsy shortly after the shooting and located the bullet, which had entered the back, but had not penetrated the body. Death was due to internal bleeding. Witnesses of the shooting say they had several quarrels during the evening and had been separated twice before the shooting.



# Killings - 1916

## BOY IS MURDERED AND FRIENDS HURT BY "BLIND TIGERS"

*Consolidation*

3-12-16  
Three Negroes Made Attack on White Youths When They Refused to Purchase Liquor, According to One Victim.

### ROSCOE CRUMP DIES ON OPERATING TABLE

Police Scouring City for Assaultants of Three Youths, But Up to Late Hour Last Night No Arrests Had Been Made.

Because he would not buy whisky from three Decatur street negroes whom he met on Bell street, just off Decatur, shortly before 9 o'clock last night, Roscoe Crump, 20-year-old resident of 18 Gaskill street, an employee of the Fulton Bag and Cotton mills, was struck in the head and fatally injured by rocks thrown by the negroes. He was taken to the Grady hospital, his skull fractured in two places, and died there within a few minutes.

Carl Sparks, 18-year-old resident of 18 Gaskill street, and G. W. Nichols, age 25, who boards at the same place, were with Crump. The latter was stabbed in the back by one of the negroes and the former received several bruises and abrasions from the rocks thrown. The three boys board at No. 18 Gaskill street and work at the Fulton Bag and Cotton mill. They had started to a moving picture show.

**Going to a Show.**  
"We were going up town to a show," stated Sparks. "When we were on Bell street, just off Decatur, three negroes, two black ones and one yellow, called to us, asking if we wanted rye, corn or gin. We didn't pay any attention to them, but kept on walking, and just as we got to the corner they started throwing rocks at us and ran up on us. About that time I was hit in the

back with a rock, and I saw Roscoe get hit and fall down. Then I ran and got a policeman."

Call Officers Wood and Preston, from police headquarters, answered the call sent into headquarters by the boy and when they arrived found Crump, lying on the sidewalk, his head bleeding in several places from the wounds.

Picking the boy up, the officers rushed him to Grady hospital, where he was immediately placed on the operating table.

Examining physicians found that his skull had been fractured in two places.

Almost immediately after the boy was placed on the operating table he died.

At police headquarters a report of the fight was made by Officers Wood and Preston, who turned in the name of a witness who had seen the fight and who they think could identify one of the negroes doing the throwing.

**Witness to Attack.**  
The witness is Dave McClinton, a resident of 187 Piedmont avenue, and proprietor of a coal and wood yard at that place. According to his story, as told by the call officers, the yellow negro was the one who threw the rocks which struck young Crump.

As soon as Chief of Detectives Newport Lanford had been told of the murder, Detectives Shaw and Maddox were assigned to the case and started on a hunt to locate the three.

Chief of Police W. M. Mayo also had all members of the police force notified to be on a sharp lookout for negroes answering the description given by the boys.

Crump was a son of Mrs. Albert Taylor. His step-father runs the boarding house at 18 Gaskill street.

The boy is survived by two brothers, one a half-brother. The oldest, Allen Crump, is an employee of the mill, and the half-brother, Jesse Taylor, is 8 years of age.

The body of young Crump will be held at Grady hospital until arrangements have been made by the family for the funeral.

Coroner Donehoo was notified of the murder, but will not hold an inquest, because there were eye-witnesses to the tragedy.

## WHITE BUTCHER KILLS CUSTOMER

Row Over a Dime's Worth of Meat Ends in Killing—Bullet Enters Mouth and Comes Out Through Head.

*Chicago Defender*  
Chattanooga, Tenn., June 9.—Wright Burkeen, a laborer, who was shot through the head by a butcher here last week, survived his injuries for a week. He died at the Erlanger Hospital last Saturday morning. The shooting occurred about two weeks ago when Burkeen became involved in a quarrel with Clinton Whitesides (white), a butcher, over the purchase of a dime's worth of meat. While his case was regarded as

remarkable, physicians announced that despite the wound through the roof of his mouth and head, he would probably be out in a week. He was continuing to do well, hospital authorities stated last Friday night, until early last Saturday morning, when he suffered a relapse, dying a few hours later.

Clinton is now out on a \$1,000 bond, charged with shooting with intent to kill.

The ball struck Burkeen in his open mouth. It clipped away part of his lip, and plowing through the roof of his mouth came out at the top of his head. Burkeen fell on the sidewalk in front of the shop, but picked himself up and ran to the spot where the police found him making a speech about the shooting.

## YOUNG MAN KILLED AND FATHER SHOT

Clifton Spikes Dies as Result of Fight Over Farm Hand—T. W. Warren Under Arrest.

*Consolidation*  
Cordele, Ga., March 5.—(Special.)—As a result of a shooting affray at Hatley late yesterday afternoon, Clifton Spikes, age 17, is dead and his father, G. A. Spikes, age 45 years, is at the point of death at his home two miles from that place, while T. W. Warren, age about 35 years, who alleges that he fired on the Spikes in self-defense, is confined in the Crisp county jail.

Spikes is a farmer and has a wife and several children. Warren is a sawmill man and also has a wife and several children. He is a brother-in-law of John Warren, ordinary of Wilcox county. All are citizens of Wilcox county, though the shooting occurred just within the Crisp county line.

A ball from Warren's pistol took effect near young Spikes' heart, producing death early this morning.

The elder Spikes was shot through the abdomen, and attending physicians state that both shots were fired on from the victim's back.

The trouble leading up to the shooting originated in a quarrel about a week ago, when it is alleged that, Spikes employed a laborer who was already in the employ of Warren.

Spikes, his son, Clifton, and a younger son, Jeff, age 15, and who is also said to have taken part in the difficulty, stated that Warren renewed the quarrel when the men met in Hatley Saturday afternoon. Warren declares that the Spikes advanced on him with knives and scantlings and gave him a severe blow with a scantling on the back of the head.

After the shooting Warren called up Sheriff Ward, of this county, by telephone, told him of the shooting and told the officer to come for him, as he wanted to surrender.

ONE DYING, TWO WOUNDED, IN FIGHT IN CHARLTON

Waycross, Ga., March 5.—(Special.) One is dying and two seriously wounded is the result of a free-for-all fight at Winokur, a small place southeast of Waycross, on the Jesup Short Line, in Charlton county, according to reports last night. Sam Byrom is said to be fatally shot, a bullet piercing his stomach. Agent Wright, in jail at Folkston on a charge of assault with intent to murder, is charged with shooting Byrom. Wright has several cuts about the shoulders. Lewis Walton, who is said to have cut Wright, has been arrested also.

All parties are said to have been drinking at the time of the quarrel, pistols and knives appearing so rapidly when the fuss opened that it was impossible to tell who was fighting. None of the participants know what they started fighting about.

## LOGAN BROTHERS GET 20 YEARS ON HOUND'S EVIDENCE

*Consolidation*  
MARIANNA, FLA., April 11.—The trail of the three Logan boys prominent white men of this section came to an unexpected close today when Wilbur and Burton Logan plead guilty to manslaughter and the case against Roland Logan was dismissed.

An agreement between counsel permitted the two younger brothers to plead to the lesser degree of murder while the older brother was to be cleared.

The charge was that of killing Joe Walters, one of two negro preachers who met their death near here Christmas day last, and for the alleged killing of whom the three prominent young men have twice been on trial.

The judge instructed the jury to bring in the proper verdict and the proceedings abruptly closed.

Judge Wilson sentenced Wilbur and Burton Logan to the penitentiary for a term of twenty years, the maximum penalty under the law.

An interesting feature of this case is that the conviction was made possible only by the work of a blood hound, the evidence thereby gained enabling the prosecution to break down the defense even after the acquittal of the young men on a former charge of killing "John Walters," who was found dead beside his brother.

The dog, owned by E. M. Toole of this city followed tracks from the bodies of the two dead negroes.

## TWO NEGROES SHOT ON HARTWELL STREET

*Advertiser*  
Hartwell, Ga., January 22.—(Special.) Wilkes Swilling, a white man, shot and killed Wesley McCurry and Doc McCurry, two brothers, late this afternoon. The McCurry boys are sons of Anthony McCurry, a respected colored citizen of Hart county. Each man was shot twice, the shooting taking place at the Hart County bank corner on a crowded street. It is said that the affair occurred over some clearing. Swilling had employed the McCurry boys to cut cord wood and accused them of giving short measure. Swilling was paroled by Governor Elease, of South Carolina.

## LOGAN BROTHERS AGAIN ON TRIAL IN DOUBLE KILLING

Charged With Murder of Two Negro Preachers in West Florida  
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(Special To The Advertiser.)  
MARIANNA, FLA., April 10.—The trial of the three Logan brothers, white, for the alleged killing of two negro preachers, John and Joe Walters, on Christmas day, last was resumed today in this city, Judge Cephus Wilson, of the fourteenth circuit presiding.

This case was continued from the spring term of the court in February when the boys were tried for the killing of one of the negroes. This trial resulted in an acquittal, upon which the young men were remanded to jail to await this special term for their trial upon the charge of killing the other.

A special venire of fifty men were summoned for the jury and the day was taken up in selecting the panel. It is claimed by the prosecution that certain new evidence has been obtained since the last trial, upon which it expects to gain a conviction on the present charge. Owing to the prominence of the family of the young men charged with the double killing and the peculiar circumstances surrounding the crime, much interest is shown in the trial, and the city is full of people who have left their work to hear the proceedings, as the case will be hard fought and many witnesses are to be heard. It is likely that most of the week will be consumed in the trial.

## J. D. EDWARDS KILLS SELMA NEGRO WHO ADVANCED ON HIM

*Advertiser*  
B. W. Bates to Be Tried on Charge of Using Mails to Defraud Insurance Company 5-23-16

Selma Bureau of The Advertiser.  
J. P. Welsh, Corr.  
Charges of murder and carrying concealed pistol have been docketed against J. D. Edwards of Marion, Ala., following the killing this afternoon of Charlie Burrell, negro porter at the Union depot. Edwards claims the negro was advancing on him with an open knife and will plead self defense. Edwards is connected prominently in Marion.



# ALEXANDER CITY HAS SERIES OF VIOLENT DEATHS

## Railroad Accident Claims Young Man; Another Shot After Quarrel— Negro Slashed to Death

5-10-16

(Special to The Advertiser)

ALEXANDER CITY, ALA., May 9.—In a railroad accident Monday night at a crossing within the corporation of Alexander City, when J. R. Evers was killed and J. S. Cason who was in company with the two sons of Mr. O. L. Luker, Dwight and Orion Luker, was seriously injured when the train No. 2 of the Central of Georgia from Birmingham struck the wagon and team which they were driving.

J. S. Cason is thought to have sustained fatal injuries. The little boy Dwight Luker also sustained some injuries but said not to be serious. They were crossing the railroad tracks about a quarter of mile west from the station about the end of a curve, which must have been partly the cause of their not seeing the train in time to save themselves. One of the mules was instantly killed and the other seriously injured and the wagon was completely demolished. The parties were all taken to the city immediately by the train crew on the train and Evers died shortly.

Another tragedy occurred Sunday at the Fish Pond singing, one of the annual musical festivities carried on there for over sixty years of a much beloved ancestor, Albert Holloway, now deceased for three years. After the singing had proceeded for all day with all the pleasure usually enjoyed, two young men, Bill Fuller and Dollie Moncrief, had a misunderstanding over an old grudge which is said to have been between them for some years and after some words at the door of the church blows were passed and Moncrief went into the house, it is related, to get away from Fuller. However, Fuller it is charged waited patiently near the door of the church and, as the crowd was dispersing, Moncrief again came out of the church when Fuller opened fire on him and shot him dead on the spot. The sheriff of Coosa county was there, and as the tragedy occurred in Coosa, he immediately arrested Fuller and he now lies in the jail of that county to await grand jury.

On last Friday a well known colored boy, Buck Lindsey, in a misunderstanding with another colored boy, Reese Black, over a contention about a small coin, cut Reese Black, severing his throat with a knife, and the wound proved instantly fatal. Lindsey was immediately arrested and is now in the county jail awaiting the action

of the grand jury. Buck Lindsey was about 24 years old and Black was somewhat younger.

Port Arthur, Texas, March 10.—Oscar Williams of Sabine was stabbed to death by his wife, Lena Williams. He received a fatal wound in the pit of his stomach and died in 30 minutes. A family fight started at their home, in the affray Williams broke his wife's left arm with a stick of wood, whereupon she reached for an ordinary pocket knife and plunged it deep into his breast. She was jailed but made bond for \$250.00. Rev. E. Kirkwood, who is very sick at his home, received a benefit rally by the church members of Port Arthur; amount raised \$32.00. A man by the name of Henderson dropped dead while at work at the Gulf Refinery last Tuesday. Mrs. Mary Lee and Mrs. Mary Newman's homes were destroyed by fire last Thursday. Both women were away from home when the fire originated. Nearly all their household goods were saved. Mr. Will Jackson was married to Miss Lottie Crystal on the 1st inst. Prof. E. W. Pettaway, principal of the Orange public school, was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. M. H. Hannah on Sunday. The Mothers' Club of the Port Arthur school is co-operating with the principal and teachers to make the school second to none in the county. The Missionary Sisters of the New Hope Baptist Church are very active in their church work. Mrs. Bessie Fogins, president, and Mrs. Tinsy Dickerson, secretary. A night school was opened at the residence of Mrs. Lizzie Jackson. All the colored residents of the Gulf Refinery Works have been requested to move up. They have left V. Port Arthur for the city proper..

## FATHER OF SLAIN LAD WILL NOT PROSECUTE

"They Were Just Playing Too Rough, Like Boys Sometime Do," Says Aged Negro.

Crusader

Although William Brockmen, the 11-year-old negro boy who was shot in a pitched battle between four negro boys and six whites, near Ponce de Leon ball park Saturday afternoon, died in the Grady hospital early Sunday morning, his father, M. Brockmen, of 220 East Ellis street, declared to city detectives that he would not prosecute the case against the white boys. "I understand full well that neither the white nor negro boys meant to murder each other," stated the old negro father. "They just got to playing too rough like boys will do sometimes. The white boys are just as sorry over William's death as I am myself, and I don't want to see anybody suffer." The little negro was shot by Marist Green, age 13, of 675 North Boulevard, who was armed with a .22-caliber Winchester rifle.

# BLACK, CRAZED BY DRINK, NEGRO CONFESSES SHOOTS DOWN 6 NEGROES HE KILLED MOORE

Crazed Man Pursued by Sheriff and Posse of Negroes Near Flovilla.

Flovilla, Ga., March 5.—(Special.)—Six negroes were shot and some of them probably fatally wounded near here last night when Will Slick, another negro, ran amuck with a shotgun while crazed with whisky.

After the shooting Slick took to the woods, where Sheriff Crawford, with a posse of negroes, is still pursuing him with bloodhounds.

Two of Slick's victims are his relatives, Esaw Slick, his brother, and Fannie Slick, his sister. The four others he shot are Clover Goodan, Lee Caldwell, Sim Crawford and Dan Woodard.

The shooting occurred at Cook, three miles from here, where the negroes were holding a frolic and drinking heavily. Slick suddenly picked up a shotgun and began shooting at every negro he met.

## HATCHET AND GUN PLAY HAVOC AMONG ATLANTA SYRIANS

Two May Die, Three Cut Up And Nine Are

In Jail 2-27-16

(Associated Press.)

ATLANTA, GA., Dec. 26.—Two men are expected to die, three others are in hospitals suffering from various knife, hatchet and gunshot wounds, and nine others are in jail, as the result of a free-for-all fight here tonight which, according to police, was the outcome of a feud between the Maloof and Karum families in the Syrian colony on Decatur street here.

George Karum was tried and acquitted here several months ago on the charge of having killed Charles Maloof. According to the police, C. G. Najour, a close friend to Karum, furnished the money used in his defense. Tonight several men went to Najour's soft drink stand on Decatur street and inquired for him. Finding him absent, they got into a fight with his brother, Michael Najour. Reinforcements came to both sides and before police reserves who were called out, could quell the trouble, Minder Maloof had been shot three times, H. Abraham, said to be a close friend to the Maloof family, was stabbed and Michael Najour was cut with a hatchet. Others who took part in the affray received less serious hurts.

The men under arrest are held on charges of "disorderly conduct" pending police investigation and a possible change in the condition of Minder Maloof and H. Abraham, whom physicians said had slight chances to live.

Detectives Say That Will Myers Has Admitted to Them That He Was Guilty of Firing the Fatal Shot.

Crusader

At 7 o'clock Wednesday night Detectives Cochran, Doyal, McKibben and Allen, who have been working on the murder case in which J. H. Moore, the wealthy coal and wood dealer, of McDaniel street and Southern railway, was shot and killed at an early hour Tuesday evening while talking over the phone in his office to his wife, succeeded in obtaining a confession from the negro, Will Myers, whom the police have had in custody since shortly after the murder.

Myers said that he was going down McDaniel street a little before the murder and was accosted by the other negro in the case, Frank Hugle, who was driving one of Mr. Moore's delivery wagons.

"Hey, Myers, where you goin'?" said Hugle, according to Myers; "you got a gun? I know where we can make a big haul. Mr. Moore has about \$300 on him."

Myers said that they planned the robbery, and went to the office of the coal dealer.

"I said 'hey there!' when we got to the office," said Myers, "and then I shot Mr. Moore. When he began to kick so bad, I got scared and ran off. I shot twice more from the tracks by the office."

Liveryman and Negro Are Wounded in Fight;

Peacemaker Also Shot

Washington, Ga., March 13.—(Special.)—A pistol fight between J. S. Ray, a liveryman, and Cooper Pettus, colored, resulted in the serious wounding of Ray and the negro Pettus, and also probably fatal injury to Mamie Wood, a colored woman, who attempted to separate them.

Ray claims to have gone to Pettus' house on the Toombs place, three miles below Washington, for the purpose of giving instructions regarding some work to be commenced for Ray Monday morning. When he opened the negro's door, Pettus is claimed to have opened fire on Ray, striking him in the left arm. The second shot from the negro's pistol struck the negro woman as she tried to come between the two men.

Although shot three times in the legs and hip Pettus managed to get away, but gave himself up today and is under care of the county physician.

Mamie Wood, who was shot through the lung is not expected to live.

# SHERIFF IS KILLED BY NEGRO LABORER

Crusader

W. S. Taylor, of Randolph County, Receives a Bullet Through Breast When Attempting Arrest—Posses, With Dogs, Trail Assailant

9-20-16

Cuthbert, Ga., September 19.—(Special.)—W. S. Taylor, sheriff of Randolph county, was shot and fatally wounded today by Pete Hudson, a plantation hand, on the plantation of C. S. Harris, in the northern part of the county.

The negro, formerly a resident of Clay county, had been indicted there for discharging firearms on the public highway. A warrant was issued for his arrest and sent to Sheriff Taylor for execution. With two companions, the sheriff went to the cabin in which the negro made his home and commanded that the man throw up his hands. Hudson did so, walking toward the door. When he reached the threshold he dodged behind the door, drew a revolver and fired. The bullet passed through the breast of the sheriff and Taylor died a few moments later.

Companions Open Fire.

The companions of the officer opened fire on the negro, but Hudson managed to escape. Immediately bloodhounds were placed on the trail, a posse was formed, and the search for the negro begun.

The posse, at a late hour Tuesday night, was scouring Patula creek swamp, where, it is believed, the fugitive is hiding.

A number of citizens of Cuthbert, Shellman and other portions of the county, supplemented by parties from Clay, Quitman, Early and Stewart counties and several from Alabama, are scattered over the fields and swamps for miles in the vicinity of the tragedy, which is about ten miles from Cuthbert and near Pataula creek.

Hundreds in Posses.

Several hundred men are engaged in the man-hunt, and as Hudson is known to be a desperate character, he will hardly be captured alive if found. The Randolph county hounds and the track dogs from Clay county were taken to the scene of the killing early this morning.

During the day, at intervals, news that the dogs were following a trail and that it was hoped that Hudson would soon be captured was received here. From negroes in the neighborhood it has been learned that Hudson was wounded slightly in the arm and in the hip. In spite of these handicaps he has been able to elude his pursuers thus far, but last reports were to the effect that the dogs were on a hot trail.